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DUTCH FORCES KEEP UP ADVANCE

Serang Captured In Action/On West Java CASUALTY FIGURES

Batavia, December 24.

The Dutch Army Headquarters announced today that Dutch troops captured Serang, capital of Banten Province, in an action to clear the Western tip of Java.

Serang is 50 miles due West of Batavia. No mention was made whether the Dutch forces reached the sea coast so far.

The Dutch announced the latest casualty figures at 19 killed and 43 wounded.

The official communique also reported that Djasinga, 35 kilometres West of Buitenzorg, which is South of Batavia, was occupied as the Dutch fanned out in Banten Province.

It said that the Dutch forces opened clearing actions around Mangrove, Jangkran and Sukarta, North East of Jangkarta, apparently hunting down Republican army units which

evacuated those cities as the Dutch advanced upon them.

The region is mountainous and ideal guerrilla country.

From the Sumatra front, the Dutch Headquarters reported the occupation of Pajalumbuh, 30 miles East of the former Republican capital of Bukittinggi (Fort De Knock).

Meanwhile, another Dutch formed state—"State of Madura"—lined up with the State of West Java and East Indonesia against the Dutch attack. The Madurese parliament adopted a motion censuring the Dutch military action with 89 votes for, three abstentions and none against.

Political observers described the voting as frankly amazing.

The Republican island of Madura, situated off Surabaya, was fully occupied by Dutch troops last year in flat defiance of the United Nations cease-fire order.

Back To Batavia

The United Nations Good Offices Committee disclosed in a report that the Security Council had ordered the Dutch High Command to order all United Nations military observers in the field to return to Batavia.

The Committee said that United Nations troops teams are obliged to accept the Dutch army orders. It added, however, that the committee should not issue similar orders as has been requested by the Netherlands authorities.

At present there are 10 teams in the field made up of 42 military observers headed by Colonel William Mayor, of the United States.

The Committee, which has accused the Dutch of violating the truce by precipitating hostilities, said the Dutch informed the Committee's Executive Board on December 19 that all military observers should remain at their posts. It said on December 22, however, the Dutch retracted the order and demanded the teams to be recalled.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0500 GMT (2 p.m. HRS) from the anti-cyclone over Manchuria ridges extend Southwards over China and SEAS across Japan to the Pacific. Depressions over the Eastern Sea and to the SE of Tokyo are moving ENE. Pressure is low over the Southern Philippines and the Pacific to the Eastwards.

Today's Forecast: Moderate Easterly winds freshening from N to NE later, clouds with patches of drizzle night and early morning, improving during the day. Becoming colder.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 71.1 deg. Fah. Minimum 64.7 deg. Fah. Sunshine 1.7 hours. Rainfall 0.4 mm. Total since Jan. 1—288.5 mm.—17.74 in. as against an average of 218.8 mm.—8.61 in. Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at msl. 1017.9 1014.3 mb. Humidity 71.1 64.7 % Rel. Humidity 71.1 64.7 % Dew Point 55 51 deg. F. Wind Direction 2 E by S. Wind Force 2 3 knots. Tides: High 11.15. Low 17.44. 2.3

Prince Christened



The Duke of Edinburgh stands smiling behind radiant Princess Elizabeth as she holds the sleeping Prince Charles after the christening in Buckingham Palace.—AP Photo.

Gold Sale Suspension Sends China's Currency Crashing In Shanghai

Shanghai, December 24.

The Central Bank's decision to suspend the public sale of gold, and general fears of important military and political developments over the holidays, sent the Chinese currency crashing in a spectacular collapse today.

Spearheaded by the free market price of gold, quotations for shares, commodities and foreign currencies skyrocketed an average of 40 per cent as compared to yesterday.

One ounce of gold fetched more than 5,000 gold yuan today against less than 4,000 24 hours earlier, while the U.S. dollar touched 84 against 70 yesterday.

The sharp rise in all quotations seriously affected late Christmas shoppers.

Nevertheless, what are generally considered as brighter prospects and the official modification of curfew restrictions over the holiday period have contributed to a last-minute revival of some Christmas cheer among the foreign community.

Chinese political observers here expressed the belief that if Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet failed to obtain

the good offices of a foreign power or group of powers to mediate in the civil war, it would probably approach the middle of the road Democratic Socialist Party to undertake the role of peacemaker.

Although refusing to participate in Dr. Sun Fo's government, the Democratic Socialist Party has promised to co-operate with the new administration wherever possible.

On instructions from the Ministry of the Interior, the police authorities here today banned the popular Chinese weekly Observer, published by Professor Shuen Ping of Fudan University.

The Ministry charged the magazine's stand has been consistently anti-Government and sympathetic to the Communist bandits. It added that despite earlier warnings, the magazine had intensified its attacks on the Government, ridiculing Nationalist troops, pro-

Sun Fo's Cabinet Only Temporary?

Chinese in the Colony are calling Dr. Sun Fo's cabinet in Nanking "A Christmas Cabinet," according to Associated Press.

They said it may be designed to last only beyond the holidays and into the New Year, long enough to see what the new American Congress will do after it convenes early in January.

These sources, who cannot be identified but some of whom only recently have arrived from Nanking, say that China's Nationalist Government has far from given up hope of securing American aid against the Communists, especially if Soviet Russia can be brought into the picture to sharpen the issue in the minds of Americans.

They hold that the inclusion by Sun Fo of right wingers like Chen Li-ta indicates that Nanking has no intention of negotiating with the Communists except on terms which the Communists would be unlikely to accept.

May Back Chiang

The new American Congress, they hold, is still untried and although dominated by the Democratic Party, nevertheless, might be forced into backing the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

These sources do not count themselves among the dissident groups in Hong Kong, but say another reason Nanking needs to gain time is a desire to prevent realization of the proposed coalition between the Communists and the Hong Kong dissidents, which would freeze out at least the higher brackets of the Kuomintang.

Time also is needed, they believe, to organise the retreat from the Yangtze valley, if and when the capital at Nanking is abandoned.

In this connection, informed Chinese say the preparations being made in Canton to receive some Nanking Government offices are partly a blind. They say some of the less important offices will be moved to Canton, and that this will avoid the appearance of deserting continental China.

Formosan Trok

Nanking's real strength, however, is going to Formosa, they say, where the island provides better resources for continuing the Nationalist Government, and where it is beyond the reach of the Communist without sea power.

Chinese say that the headquarters of the Chinese Navy, air force, and secret police already have reached Formosa, and that the families of some army generals and staff personnel also have arrived, awaiting the generals who are expected later.

These sources say that Nanking still has enough shipping to transfer the best troops of the Central armies across the Formosan capital, there to await the possible American aid their strategists still hope for.—Associated Press.

propagandising for the Communists and disturbing the people's minds. The Observer was one of the foremost of the new type of Chinese magazines devoted to the analysis of current events and comments. Many of its contributors are university professors.—Reuter.

All That's Left Of CNAC Skymaster



Thirty-five lives were lost when a CNAC Skymaster crashed in heavy fog into a hill on Basalt Island, 10 miles East of Kel Tak airfield on Tuesday. The plane struck the East side of a ridge, ploughed across it, and, in flames, disintegrated over a wide area on the West side. The wreckage is shown in the official picture above.

Nineteen Jap War Criminal Suspects Freed By Court

Tokyo, December 24.

Nineteen former Class A war criminal suspects have been released and will not be tried for their wartime activities.

Verdicts of the International Military Tribunal indicated that these men might not be convicted on major charges which might be preferred against them, said Aya O. Carpenter, head of SCAP's Legal Section.

Their release means that action against one-time major suspects will be completed upon conclusion of the current trial involving Soemu Toiwoda, former Chief of the Naval Staff, and Hiroshi Tamura, former head of the War Prisoner Information Bureau. They are being tried by a SCAP military court.

The suspects include Yoshikazu Kuzu, former President of the notorious Black Dragon Society, and Nobusuke Kishi, Tojo's Commerce Minister who was identified before the International Tribunal as one of three rulers of Manchukuo.

Two of the suspects died this month, today's announcement revealed. They were K. Honda, former Ambassador to China, and Hayao Tada, Commander-in-Chief of Japanese forces in China between 1939 and 1941. Those released also included: former General T. Nishio, another former Commander-in-

Next Issue On Tuesday

There will be no further issue of the "China Mail" until Tuesday morning, but the "Sunday Herald" will be published tomorrow as usual.

UN Orders Cease-Fire

Paris, December 24.

The Security Council today ordered an immediate end to the fighting in Indonesia and a prompt release of Indonesian leaders captured by the Dutch.

The Council turned down the joint U.S.-Columbian-Syrian demand for withdrawal of Dutch forces from areas seized since the Netherlands attack on the Indonesian Republic started on Sunday. Five nations voted for it and none against, but six abstained. Seven votes are needed for passage in the Council.—Associated Press.

Harry Bridges Listed As Communist

Washington, December 24. The U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee listed Harry Bridges as a Communist yesterday, and said it was broke out his Pacific coast longshoremen's union could wreck the whole U.S. fighting power.

Mr. Bridges was among 13 CIO union officers listed by the Committee in an information pamphlet.

The Committee listed 20 unions in which it had Communist leadership which was strong in 1944. It declared the longshore union is one in which the Reds are still in power. Two federal hearings based on Communist charges both failed in recent years to deport Australian-born Harry Bridges, who then became an American citizen. His union has just concluded a three-month shipping strike which ended with pay raises.

At the same time, the Joint Labour Management Committee of Congress criticised Bridges for preaching a doctrine of class struggle. It said no instance has been found when his purpose deviated in the slightest from the Communist Party line of the moment.

But the report also hit the waterfront employers. It said their doling-out personnel policies and their bitter resistance to the self-organization of the workers had the effect of forcing a militant aggressive, left wing type of leadership to power in the unions.—Associated Press.

Lining Up For Gold



A group of Nationalist soldiers stand in line outside the Central Bank of China in Tientsin, waiting to exchange their Gold Yuan for silver dollars and gold.—AP Photo.

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Xmas Dinner At Sailors' Soldiers' Home

The annual Christmas Dinner and Concert of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home to which all Servicemen were invited took place on Thursday.

The Home, attractively decorated for the occasion, presented a very gay appearance. At 7.30 p.m. the Chaplain the Reverend Mr. J. E. Sandbach, called the guests to dinner.

The dinner was followed by a concert in the Assembly Hall, where the following artists entertained a very appreciative audience: Mrs. Winnie Cox, Reverend Mr. Clifford Davis, W. H. Bailey, Lieutenant D. Cowardine, P. O. Curtis, P. O. Triggs (Chorus), and Corporal Green. At the close of a happy evening, the Reverend Mr. J. E. Sandbach spoke of all the improvements being made at the Home, all of which were for the benefit of Servicemen.

HEALTH CENTRE

The Port Health Office of the Medical Department has arranged for the Fire Brigade Inoculation and Vaccination Centre in Hong Kong and the Tsimshatsui Inoculation and Vaccination Centre in Kowloon to remain open on Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Bills of Health can also be completed in the Fire Brigade Inoculation and Vaccination Centre during the same hours.

CONFISCATION

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday ordered the confiscation of a collie, 18 months old, and 12 dynamite bombs, found by Sub-Inspector Chiu. The collie was on the hillside on Crescent Road on the morning of December 20.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera. It was officially announced yesterday.



Miss Frances Mary Gregory, was married on Thursday to Mr. George Allan Rodney Wright-Neath of the Hong Kong Police, at St. John's Cathedral. The bride was given away by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. D. W. Mackintosh. After the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 276, The Peak, after which the couple left for Bangkok for the honeymoon.—'China Mail' Photo.

Removal Of Naval Hospital Confirmed

Removal of the Royal Naval Hospital—reported exclusively in the "China Mail" a few weeks ago—to the former War Memorial Hospital, Mount Kellett, early next month, was officially confirmed yesterday.

In a statement, Lieutenant Commander J. Reynolds said that the hospital should be in full operation at Mount Kellett by January 14.

The Royal Naval Hospital, added the statement, has a long and interesting history since it was established in Hong Kong in 1843—a year after the Colony was ceded to Great Britain. In 1863, said the statement, a site at Wanchai was acquired from the Colonial Government

and the majority of the buildings were commenced one year later. At this time the Wanchai site was a bluff peninsula almost entirely surrounded by sea and patients were brought in ship's boats to the hospital steps.

"During the latter part of the 1920's, the Colonial Government offered the Admiralty a new site on Nicholson's Camp at Black's Link. Work commenced on the leveling of the site but the financial crisis of the early 1930's interrupted and the project was abandoned.

"On the re-occupation of Hong Kong in September, 1945 it was found that the Royal Naval Hospital buildings in Wanchai had suffered severe structural damage and had been looted, resulting in the building being quite useless for a hospital. As a temporary expedient therefore, two floors of the Queen Mary Hospital were taken over for Naval use with the consent of the Civil Affairs Government then functioning.

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U.S. Organisations Express Interest In Bangkok Fair

Thirty American organisations have expressed willingness to exhibit at the Bangkok World Exposition, planned for December, 1949, Mr. Noel Rosefelt, American representative of the Fair, said on his arrival here from Manila on route to Bangkok.

Many more American firms are interested in the first world fair in the Far East, but they are awaiting the improvement of the situation here to decide on taking part, Mr. Rosefelt, who left for Siam yesterday, declared.

No Holiday For Opium Smokers

"It is Christmas time, sir, and we thought the police would give us a holiday," said the prisoners in the dock.

Before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, 12 men were charged with smoking opium in a room. Wong Fui was additionally charged with keeping an opium den and possession of opium.

The men were caught by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope on Thursday night in a hut on the roof of 2 Canton Road.

The prisoners were disillusioned when Wong Fui, the keeper, was sentenced to four months and a fine of \$500 or another four months, and recommended for deportation.

The 11 smokers were each fined \$50 or two weeks.

Inspector J. Orem presided.

The Chairman and Committee of the Boys and Girls Clubs' Association's Stanley Camp acknowledge the following:

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become the Royal Naval Hospital. "When the work of rehabilitation commenced in April, 1945, the hospital will have a perfect accommodation for 150 patients housed on two floors.

"The theatres and X-ray room, patients dining room and canteen are on the third floor while the residential block at the South end will accommodate the VAD nursing staff and some of the Hospital Officers. It is hoped to build Sisters Quarters in the vicinity of the hospital but for the moment the Nursing Sisters will be accommodated in a nearby building.

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Xmas Custom Exhibit At Chinese YMCA

By courtesy of Mr. Robert Bruce, representative of the British Council, a Christmas Custom Exhibition is being held in the Chinese YMCA at 23, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, from today to December 28.

Twenty-seven interesting pictures illustrating ancient Christmas customs have been put up at the wall near the entrance of the Chinese YMCA, Kowloon Branch. Attached to the pictures is an inscription saying:—

"Customs of infinite variety have formed the pattern of the Christmas Festival through the centuries. Almost all of them originated in the rites of ancient peoples; they are inherited from the religions and traditions of an earlier age.

"Changed in form and style with the passing of time, they yet remain the symbol and expression of the fellowship and good cheer, peace and good will, which are the time spirit of Christmas. Enriched by new customs and new traditions, the festival of Christmas is today invested with a new meaning and a new significance."

Fairy Hawk Destroyed

Fairy Hawk, new 1949 Subscription Griffin owned by Mr. H. Chang, was destroyed at the Race Course yesterday following a collision with a fellow Subscription Griffin, Filibuster.

Accompanied by Atlantic Power with riding boy, Ah Yaw, up, Fairy Hawk, with riding boy, Cheung Sam, up, was out on a trial run at the Valley in preparation for the Annual Carnival.

After passing the Six Furlong Post, Fairy Hawk unable to avoid Filibuster, walking in front, crashed head-on into him.

Both horses went down, throwing their riders. Filibuster recovered and ran away riderless round the course. Fairy Hawk, however, was unable to rise because of a broken right shoulder, and was destroyed on the spot.

RICKSHA COOLIES REMANDED

Charged by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope with robbery with violence at Austin Road, Chin So-pang and Ngan Ching-yung, ricksha pullers, were remanded three days in custody by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

It was alleged that accused robbed and assaulted Edward Jones Wellings at 12.15 a.m. on December 21.

REMANDED

Alleged to have had carnal knowledge of a nine-year-old girl at Sheung Hing Road on December 18, Cheung Sing, 28-year-old clerk living at an unnumbered hut at Sheung Hing Road, was remanded for three days in custody by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Reminders

Today:

International Charity Cup, Soccer match, China versus Scotland, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.

Distribution of parcels to the poor at St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley, 12 noon.

Children's party at 2 p.m. Special Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel. Exhibition of French paintings, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel.

H.K. Union Church, Joint Christmas Service, with Methodist Church, 10.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW: International Charity Cup, Soccer Match, England versus Portugal, Club ground, 3.30 p.m.

Polo & Hunt Club paper chase, New Territories, assembling at Bee's Stables, 12 noon. Recreational Children's Party, King's Club, 1.30 p.m.

Special Tea Dance, Repulse Bay Hotel, 5 p.m. Dinner Dances, Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel.

MONDAY

League Soccer matches. Ordained Service, St. John's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth has graciously consented to accept as a gift, her baby's first dress and nursery furniture from the pupils of the Russell Schools at Addington and Purley, Surrey. The cleverest pupils have been chosen to make the articles. Four of the students of the Textile Trades School admire their handiwork. They are, left to right, Ann Evans, Heather Morgan, Cynthia Jones and Jean Fay.

Summonses Dismissed At Kowloon Police Raid Opium Dens, Make Arrests

Upholding the decision by Mr. A. S. C. Chan, J.C., the Magistrate's Court at Kowloon dismissed two summonses against two persons named W. A. Black and W. A. Black, who were charged with dangerous driving and careless driving.

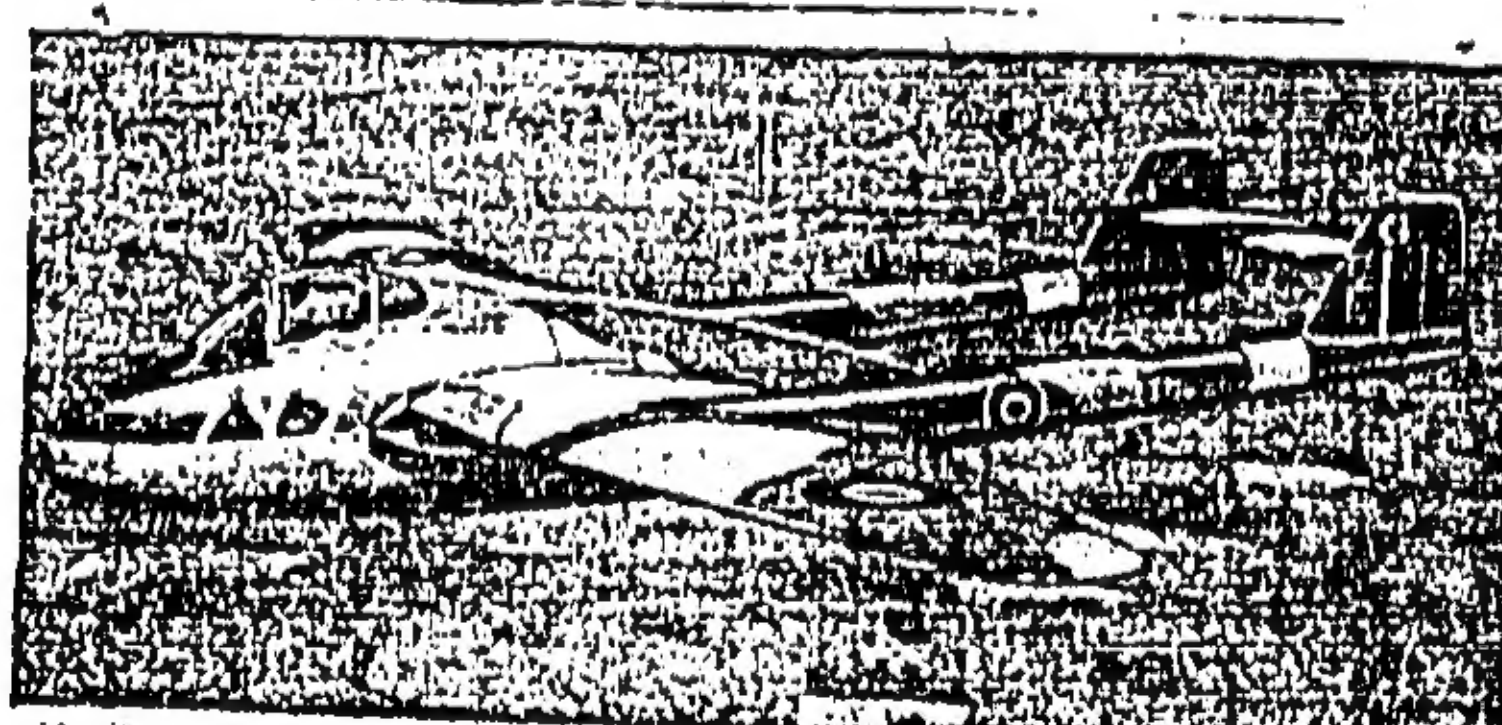
The summons were issued by the District Court at Kowloon on December 18, 1948, against the two persons named W. A. Black and W. A. Black, who were charged with dangerous driving and careless driving.

Subsequent to the decision by the Magistrate's Court, the two persons named W. A. Black and W. A. Black were released from custody.

The court also decided that the two persons named W. A. Black and W. A. Black were not liable for the charges of dangerous driving and careless driving.

SI Ho, J.C., told the court that, although the two persons named W. A. Black and W. A. Black were charged with dangerous driving and careless driving, they were not liable for the charges.

Strongly opposing the application, Mr. Chan submitted that the two persons named W. A. Black and W. A. Black were not liable for the charges of dangerous driving and careless driving.



Four demonstration flights—two over Kai Tak airfield and two over Hong Kong—will be given by the R.A.F. de Havilland jet-propelled Vampire, due here on January 10. It was officially stated yesterday.

The aircraft will be flown by Flight-Lieutenant

G. Francis, member of the Central Fighter Establishment in England. The modern jet-propelled fighter is a single-engine, single-seated plane. It forms part of the standard equipment of several European Air Forces, including the R.A.F.

Personalia

Air Commodore S. N. Webster, former Air Officer Commanding at Hong Kong, has succeeded Air Commodore C. E. Nicholls in command of the R.A.F. Central Photographic Establishment at Benson, Oxfordshire.

Air Commodore Webster who won the Scheldt Trophy for Great Britain in 1927, was Senior Air Staff Officer, No. 13 Group, Coastal Command, for two years, before going to Hong Kong. He served at Hong Kong for a similar period.

Dr. Yap Pow-meng, born in Malacca, has been appointed to the Colonial Service as a medical officer at Hong Kong. He is a son of Mr. Yap Tai-hong, of 30A, Jalan Kamuning, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

He was educated at Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur, Batu Road School, Kuala Lumpur, Chelmsford Polytechnic, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London.

Dr. Yap held appointments in the Psychological Department, Mill Hill Hospital, General Hospital, Northampton, Maudsley Hospital, London, Sherrill Mental Hospital, Malacca, and as a surgeon on the Blue Funnel Line.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Jorgensen, Mr. J. M. Sha Shoua, Miss Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. Vuong Du-hong left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Departure from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Che, Captain and Mrs. J. T. Mahas, Mrs. R. Kraemer, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hamilton, Mrs. D. G. Old, Messrs. J. R. E. Harrison, D. De Gomez, G. Van Bessene, E. B. Cumbe, J. Epstein, M. Skarland, M. R. Smith, J. G. S. Jahan and S. L. Kienin.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Loveless, Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Othman, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bunzlau, Mrs. Y. Medina, Mr. and Mrs. E. Engel, Mr. E. Whiteside, Mrs. D. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Koskew, G. A. R. Wright-North, Leon Weinstein, J. M. Encarnacao, P. Y. Chen, C. E. Tian, J. Lissner, E. Mayer, D. Wallin, J. Uarin, G. Blackburn, J. J. Cushman, Y. Fung, C. W. Hunter, H. Ohta, A. Wood, R. J. Brown, E. W. Edmunds, G. R. Fitz, A. Huber, R. A. Moore, H. F. Soo, and Colonel J. E. Briceau.

Police raids on opium dens resulted in a number of people being charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Loan Cheung, aged 35, keeper of a den in a hut on the roof of 40 Back Road, was found guilty. Mr. d'Almeida sent him to three months in prison.

Four smokers charged along with him received a fine of \$250 each on 24 days.

The Ho, aged 39, received a six-month imprisonment sentence upon pleading guilty to keeping a den at 143 Jaffe Road, 1st floor.

Three smokers arrested in the den were fined \$100 each on 20 days.

Nine smokers were arrested in a den at 277 Queen's Road West, operated by Lai Tung, aged 32, unemployed.

Each of the nine received a \$100 or 20 days sentence and the keeper six months imprisonment. Notice will be sent to the landlord to recover possession of the premises.

At an unnumbered hut on Loap Street, Wong So was found guilty of keeping a den and sentenced to six months.

Six smokers charged in the den case, each received a fine of \$100 or 20 days.

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Inspector Moran prosecuted in all the cases.

Charged with larceny before Mr. H. Lalmer at Kowloon yesterday, Kwan pleaded guilty and added that he was in desperation as he needed money to start hawking afresh.

Inspector J. Orem told the Court that defendant had a previous conviction for the same offence in February this year when he was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane.

This time he got one year and two years' police supervision when his term expires.

Because of shortage of accommodation at the Garrison School, the Union Church will move to Queen's College, Kennedy Road. The first service will take place on January 2 at 10.30 a.m. The Sunday School will also move to the Queen's College.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Jorgensen, Mr. J. M. Sha Shoua, Miss Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. Vuong Du-hong left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Departure from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Che, Captain and Mrs. J. T. Mahas, Mrs. R. Kraemer, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hamilton, Mrs. D. G. Old, Messrs. J. R. E. Harrison, D. De Gomez, G. Van Bessene, E. B. Cumbe, J. Epstein, M. Skarland, M. R. Smith, J. G. S. Jahan and S. L. Kienin.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Loveless, Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Othman, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bunzlau, Mrs. Y. Medina, Mr. and Mrs. E. Engel, Mr. E. Whiteside, Mrs. D. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Koskew, G. A. R. Wright-North, Leon Weinstein, J. M. Encarnacao, P. Y. Chen, C. E. Tian, J. Lissner, E. Mayer, D. Wallin, J. Uarin, G. Blackburn, J. J. Cushman, Y. Fung, C. W. Hunter, H. Ohta, A. Wood, R. J. Brown, E. W. Edmunds, G. R. Fitz, A. Huber, R. A. Moore, H. F. Soo, and Colonel J. E. Briceau.

Police raids on opium dens resulted in a number of people being charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Loan Cheung, aged 35, keeper of a den in a hut on the roof of 40 Back Road, was found guilty. Mr. d'Almeida sent him to three months in prison.

Four smokers charged along with him received a fine of \$250 each on 24 days.

The Ho, aged 39, received a six-month imprisonment sentence upon pleading guilty to keeping a den at 143 Jaffe Road, 1st floor.

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Members of the Board of Admiralty photographed before a recent meeting.

Four Lots Of Crown Land Withdrawn

Four lots of Crown land for the growing of guinea grass at Ha Kwai Chung, New Territories, were withdrawn by Mr. J. T. Wakefield, District Officer (South) at the auction at the District Commissioner's Office yesterday.

At the request of the applicant, Mr. Lee Yu-cheung, proprietor of Lee Yu Kee of 37 Des Voeux Road, a 17.27 acres lot at Sham Tseng was knocked down to his son, Mr. Lee Ming, when it was found that there were no bidders, at an increase of \$10 over the upset price of \$15,015.

This sylvan, garden and tree growing lot, was sold under the condition that it will not be split up into sections except for the purpose of conversion into building land, subject to the approval of the District Commissioner and at a back premium of 30 cents a square foot and a reassessed Crown rent of \$500 an acre.

Such buildings, plans for which must have the prior approval of the District Commissioner, are only to be used for the development of the ground as a sylvan area. The amount to be expended on such buildings has to be at the rate of \$400,000 an acre.

Another condition attached to the sale was that the buyer must plant at least half of the lot with trees as advised by the Forestry Officer within three years, and the remaining portion within a further two years, from the date of sale.

Stipulations

Furthermore, it was stipulated that the purchaser must drain the whole area within 12 months; that a right of way leading to a grave shall be left open at all times, and that no planting is to be made within a radius of 30 feet of any grave which might be on the lot.

The land was sold for a period of 75 years from July 1, 1899, with the right of renewal for another 24 years.

A building land, measuring 2,542 square feet, situated at Ting Kau was sold to the original applicant for the upset price of \$1,000. The minimum amount to be spent on rateable improvements is \$12,000.

Except for the original applicant, no interest was shown in the fish pond and crab-rearing centre, with an area of 22.05 acres, at Pak Wai, Sai Kung district.

The upset price was \$772, and the two special conditions attached to its sale were that the buyer must repair and maintain the existing bund and allow a right of way leading to the adjoining lots.

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Film Criticism

Sir,—Under Film Review on Page 4 of Sunday's Magazine Section you include "Gentleman's Agreement" as one of the year's outstanding films. Like many others, I cannot understand why it was so highly rated.

As a film it was extremely slow, and contained more unnecessary and prolonged kissing scenes than any other film I can recall. Nor can one overlook the entirely superfluous Mother, who positively refused to die.

You praise the sincere performances, but what about the story, was that sincere? In point of fact, from start to finish it was illogical. The theme was anti-Jewish feeling, yet the script talked about anti-Semitism. As we all know, the Semites include both Jews and Arabs. Don't tell us the Jews are supporting an Arab cause.

To be brutally frank, "Gentleman's Agreement" is nothing more than biased, pro-Jewish propaganda, that by subtle implication and omission waters on anti-Semitism. If there is such a term.

Your readers would do well to read Douglas Reed's latest book—"From Smoke to Smother". The instances he quotes of the apparent close alliance between British Zionism and World Communism deserve the most serious consideration, and films such as "Gentleman's Agreement" tend to confirm his contentions that though the Jews are a minority group they are very powerful and highly organized. BOJ

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L. B. TREVOR

General Manager, Railway.

December 24, 1948.

NOTICE

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children in Hong Kong's many orphanages look forward to receiving used Christmas and New Year cards for making into scrap books or decorations etc.

On behalf of these children I will be very glad to receive and forward used Christmas or New Year cards which their owners do not want to dispose of in any other way. Will any one who would like to have his cards made good use of in this way please forward them to me at the address at the foot of this notice, preferably well before Chinese New Year which falls on the 29th January in 1949.

By arrangement with the Postmaster General packages of these cards may be sent to me postage free if they are marked "Used Christmas Cards" on the top left-hand corner, and are left open at each end. If the package is too bulky to be slipped into a normal street pillar-box it may be handed over to the counter at any Post Office.

J. C. McDONALD

Social Welfare Officer, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs Hong Kong.

NOTICE

The Port Health Office of the Medical Department has arranged for the Fire Brigade inoculation and Vaccination Centre in Hong Kong and the Tsimshatsui Inoculation and Vaccination Centre in Kowloon to remain open on Monday, December 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

2. Bills of Health can also be completed in the Fire Brigade Inoculation and Vaccination Centre during the above mentioned times.

I. NEWTON

Director of Medical Services, Hong Kong, Dec., 23, 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

Recruiting for the rank of Police Constable will start at 09.00 hours on Tuesday the 28th December 1948 at Western Police Station and will continue until further notice every Tuesday.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Wong Po-on regrets to announce that the wedding ceremony at church, and reception, between his brother Dr. James Wong Tak-on and Miss Nora Au Kit-ling on December 29, has been cancelled due to the unfortunate indisposition of his father.

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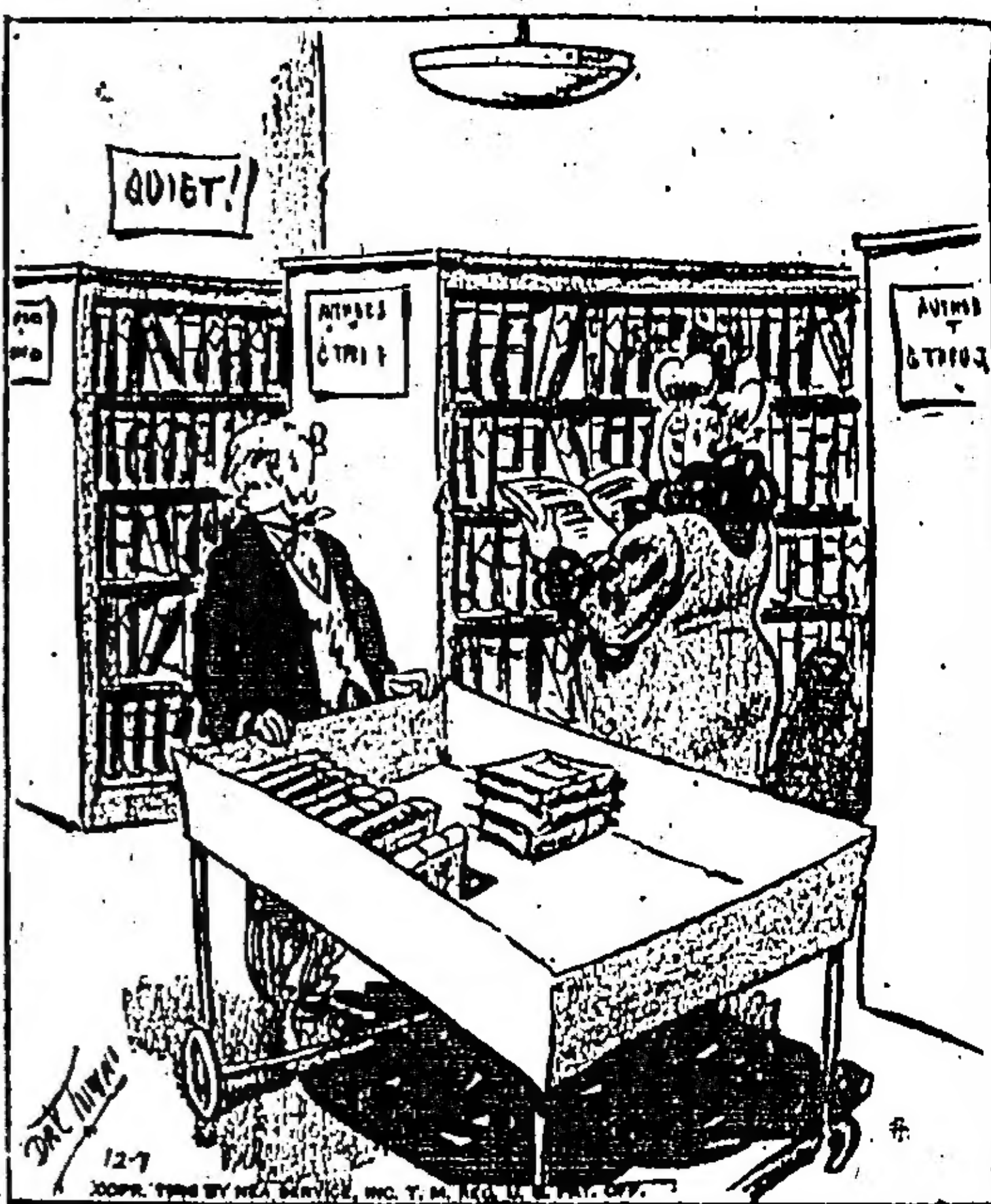
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WHY FAVOUR BLACKWOOD?

THERE is one very simple reason why many first-rank players like to use the Blackwood slam convention, but never would employ the Culbertson 4-5 No Trump convention. It is because the latter gives the opponents too much information, revealing whether the declarer's side has all the aces or not. The Blackwood gives no such information. The makes of the 4-5 No Trumps bid under tells nothing about his number of aces, but only asks how many his partner has. Hence the opponents can't tell how many the declarer holds, except through estimating or guessing.

At one table of the same game, South and his partner were using the Culbertson 4-5 No Trump convention, whereby both the 4-5 No Trumps and its response give information. That has its advantages, as placing information in the possession of both partners, either of whom may be in position to use it. But when, as in this case, the response to the 4-5 No Trumps was 5-Clubs to show no aces, the opening leader knows his own side has an ace. West at that table decided the ace in his partner's hand was probably the unbid diamonds. So he led that suit and two tricks resulted.

had all four aces himself and was merely hoping North had three kings in order to seek the grand slam. So he decided to try the "safe" lead of a trump, his 9. That enabled South to get rid of his two diamonds on spades, which he established by means of a ruffing finesse, to take all 12 tricks.

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Tomorrow's Problem

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HKQ42
DKQJ103
C5

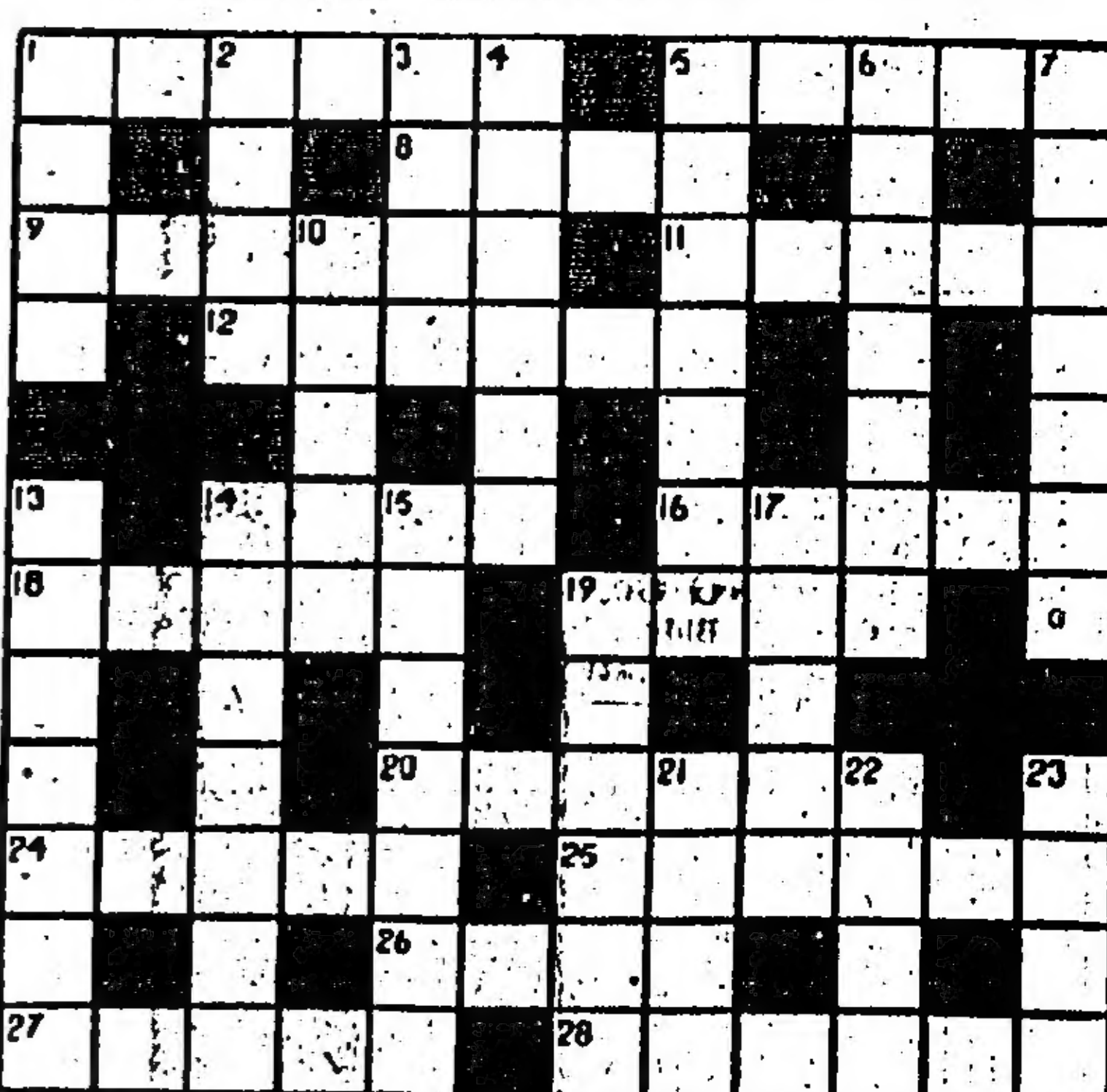
S6-2
HA876
D842
CK976

SA943
H953
DA6
CAQJ

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

Which slam convention works better on this deal, the Blackwood or the Culbertson? Why?

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Across

1. Hinder. 18. Parloin.
5. Foolish. 19. Zone.
9. Average. 20. Tended.
10. Idle talk. 24. Pungent.
11. Savour. 25. Wearisome.
12. Unruffled. 26. Pitcher.
14. Catalogue. 27. Come in.
16. Drawing room. 28. Withdrawn.

Down

1. Enormous. 13. Set apart.
2. Multitude. 14. Young.
3. Oriental. 15. animal.
4. ruler. 16. Slim.
7. Iterate. 17. Change.
8. Extreme. 19. Exchange.
6. Attack. 21. Ancestor.
7. Close of day. 22. Plunge.
10. Fligment. 23. Monstrous.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Basis. 1. Inures. 8. Gallip. 10. Answer. 12. Orator. 14. Sheered. 17. Toll. 18. Capital. 20. Problem. 22. Rope. 23. Daunted. 27. Preens. 28. First. 30. Tavern.

DOWN—1. Bogus. 2. Solve. 3. Spoor. 5. Neat. 6. Regret. 7. Shrink. 9. Precede. 11. Notion. 13. Adage. 15. Harp. 16. Embury. 18. Lave. 20. Profit. 21. Oppose. 24. Usage. 25. Tress. 26. Denial. 28. Eton.

'PLANNING' ANSWER TO ORIENT'S NEEDS

CENTRAL BANK FOR THE P.I.

Manila, December 24. President Quirino today announced the appointment of the Finance Secretary, Miguel Cuderno, as Acting Governor of the newly-created, Central Bank, which will be formally inaugurated on January 3.

The Central Bank, which was created to stabilize Philippine currency, has as one of its main tasks the raising of funds for financing Philippine rehabilitation.

Mr. Cuderno will continue as Secretary of Finance until a successor has been appointed, after which he will devote his full time to the Bank. United Press.

TRADE TALKS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Prague, December 23. A Czech delegation which has been conducting trade talks with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria is expected to return to Prague today or tomorrow.

It was officially stated that the talks had been interrupted rather than discontinued and would be resumed next year. A new agreement between Czechoslovakia and Sweden, negotiated in Stockholm, is expected to be signed this week.—Reuter.

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Lake Success, December 24. Integrated planning is the answer to the Far East's vocational training needs, according to United Nations experts.

The International Labour Organisation, a UN agency, has surveyed Asia's personnel problems in conjunction with the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

In its report, the ILO suggests that a master plan with time schedule should be drawn up embracing the needs of Asia as a whole. And the centre for integrating the programme should be a central information point — possibly Shanghai.

Mme. Marguerite Thibert, veteran ILO official and expert on training problems, is the author of the report, "Training problems in the Far East." Listing the facilities available as compared to the needs, the report acknowledges that the Far Eastern countries are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of vocational and technical training.

But, it adds, "Because of the growing variety of techniques required by an expanding economy, much remains to be done."

The master plan, Mme. Thibert cautions, should not copy any existing plan since each region's needs have local ramifications. But she suggests that the experience of other nations should not be ignored.

The report, published in Geneva where ILO has its headquarters, points out that ILO has already compiled a wealth of material on the experiences of other nations have had in this field.

To circulate this it suggests the international information

STORES AFIRE ON ESCOLTA

Manila, December 24. Fires broke out in two downtown business centres in Manila yesterday, causing injuries in two persons and damage estimated at 40,000 pesos.

The bigger blaze destroyed two Indian-owned stores on Escolta, heart of the shopping district, last night. Three other adjoining stores were damaged by water.

Earlier, a fire broke out in the Chinese district, where several shops were burned.—United Press.

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Bribe Inquiry Probe Sequel

London, December 23. Mr. George Gibson, has resigned from his directorship of the Bank of England.

Mr. Gibson, a former chairman of the Trades Union Congress, was one of the Government officials involved in the investigations of the Lynskey Tribunal into alleged corruption in public life.

He became a Government-appointed director of the Bank of England after it had been nationalised.—Reuter.

GOLD STAMPEDE TO STOP

Shanghai, December 24. Shanghai's Central Bank has stopped the sale of gold and silver indefinitely as a result of today's mad rush which resulted in the death of seven and injuries to about 100 persons.

In a brief announcement last night, a Bank spokesman said that pending an improvement of the methods, the sale of gold and silver shall be temporarily suspended.—Reuter.

Mass Exodus Of China Jews

Shanghai, December 24. Eight hundred and fifty-six Jews sailed this morning on board an International Refugee Organisation chartered vessel, the Wooster Victory, for Palestine.

It is the first mass Jewish exodus from China. The ship's destination is Italy, where the evacuees will proceed by other means to their new homes in Israel.

A second vessel, the Castel Bianca, is expected to arrive here to take another group of 800 Jewish resettlers on or about January 2.

Polignant scenes were witnessed as families packed the wharves to bid good-bye to sons and daughters and relatives. Approximately 6,000 Jews, or almost 60 per cent of Far Eastern Jewry, is reported to have registered for resettlement in Israel and they will be evacuated as ships become available.

Sincere thanks to the Chinese Government for the hospitality extended to the Jewish people was expressed by a spokesman of the departing evacuees today.

He said: "The Chinese Government welcomed Jewish displaced persons escaping from the horrors of Hitler's Germany and gave them sanctuary and a chance to re-establish themselves anew here."

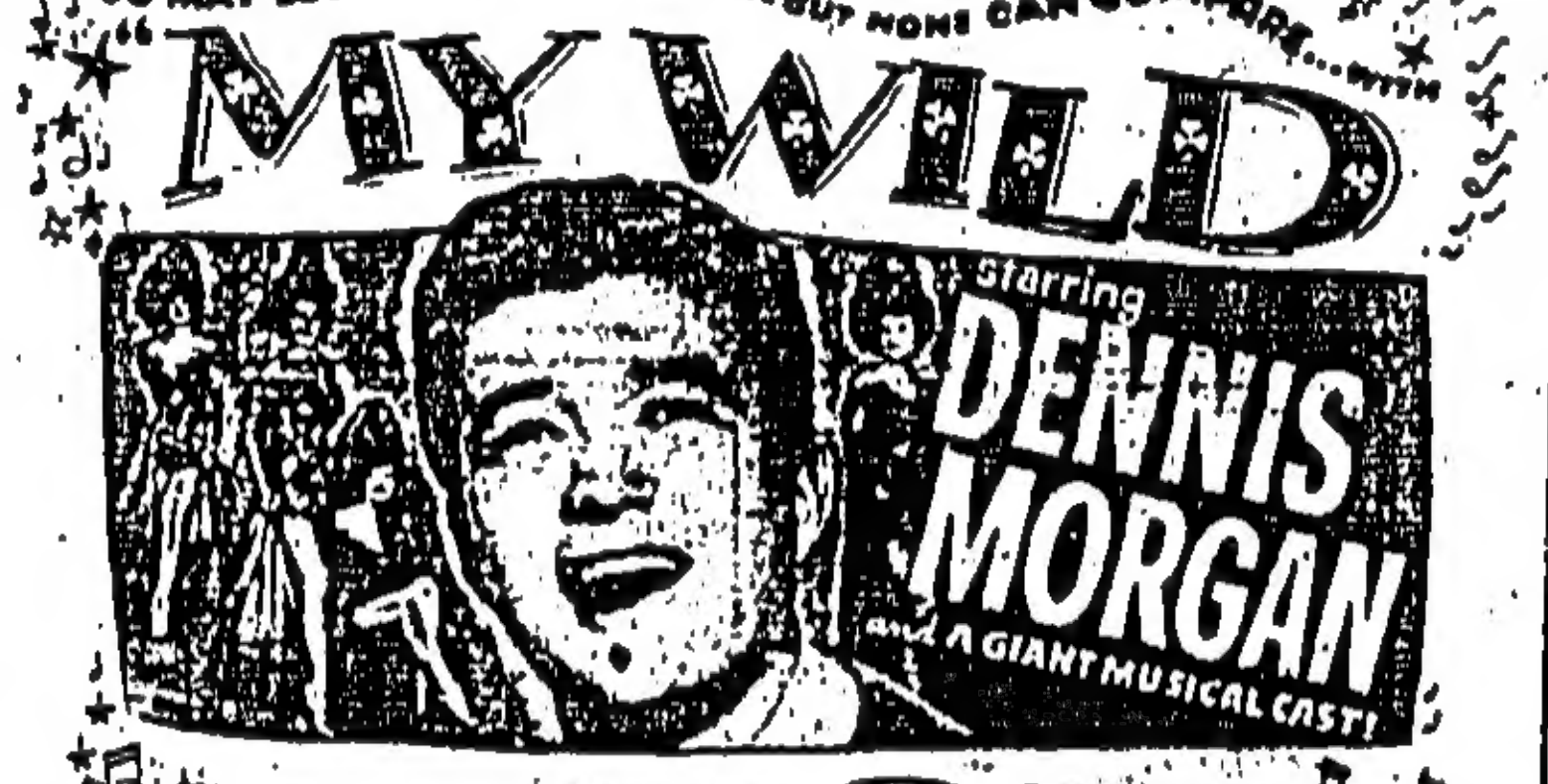
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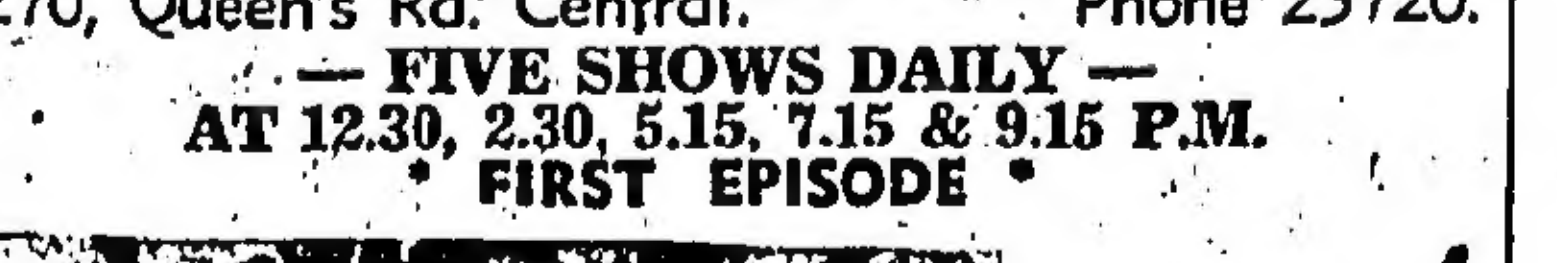


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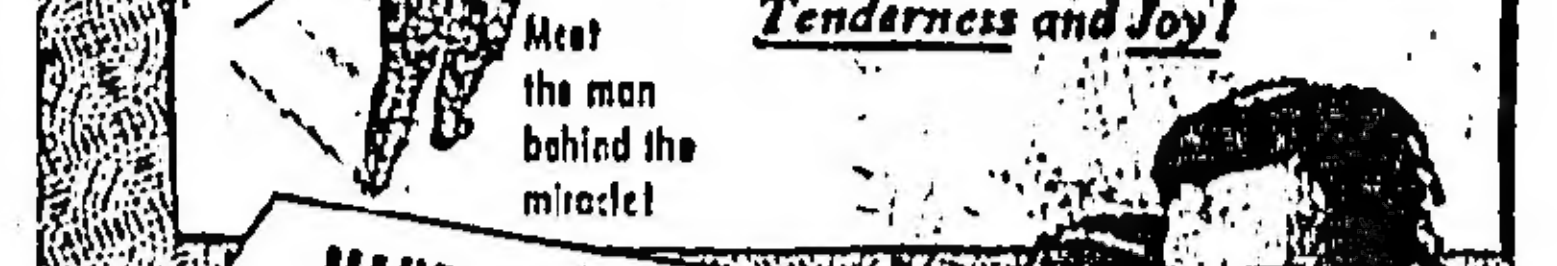
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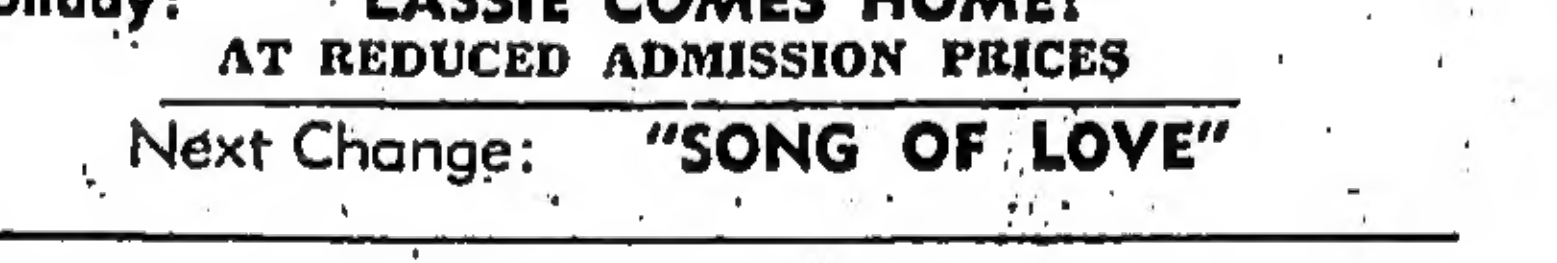
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INCREASE IN RUBBER PRODUCTION IN U.S.

New York, December 24.

The value of American rubber production climbed to US\$3,500,000,000 in 1948. As the year draws to an end the industry is preparing for an extended term of heavy consumption.

In using about 1,075,000 long tons of rubber, manufacturers turned out finished products valued at US\$3,500,000,000 more than their 1947 total. Rubber consumption by manufacturers in 1947 was 1,122,000 tons.

Ruhr Talks Dragging On

London, December 24.

The six-power London Conference on the Ruhr decided today at its expected last but one meeting before Christmas not to issue a communiqué on their work until after the holiday, probably next Tuesday.

The final text of the agreement on the powers and functions of an International Authority to control the distribution of Ruhr coal and steel is not yet complete.

Certain phrases have to be re-examined in the light of legal advisers' comments.

The Conference had reached a basic agreement on its most difficult problem, control of the management of the Ruhr mines and industry.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, laid before the Cabinet earlier today the draft Statute for the International Authority for the Ruhr, which has been approved by the Conference—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY TALKS

London, December 23.

According to diplomatic observers, the resumed talks on the Austrian peace treaty will probably be held in London next February.

A press report that the United States had sent Britain proposals on the talks was denied in London. The next step is for Samuel Hober, the chief American representative at the former talks, to ask the Secretary General to summon a meeting—Reuter.

A Clean And Warm Xmas

London, December 24.

The Government today announced that the people will be allowed to take a bath at any time, day or night, during the Christmas holidays.

They may also heat their bedrooms to their hearts' desire—United Press.

Palestine Mediation Reaction

Damascus, December 23.

The Syrian Prime Minister, Sholem El Azem, told foreign correspondents in Damascus today that although Syria, like the other Arab States, rejected the formation of a Conciliation Commission, it has no preconceived ideas directed against Arab and especially Palestine Arab interests.

Dealing with Turkey's membership of the Commission, the Premier said he did not suspect Turkey's neutrality, although he considered the Turkish press had recently been rather unfriendly.

He said that Syria's old quarrels with France being liquidated, there was no reason to suppose that this would affect France's objectiveness in the Commission.

Azem Pasha said he thought the resolutions adopted by the General Palestine Congress at Jericho calling on King Abdullah of Transjordan to consider the union of Palestine and Transjordan would not be carried out—Reuter.

Cabinet Changes Expected Soon

London, December 24.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will finally decide on his contemplated Government reshuffle while spending Christmas at Chequers, his official country residence near London.

The changes may be announced before the New Year.

London political quarters estimated tonight that the reshuffle might possibly involve 10 junior and senior members of the total Government of about 20. Few new high ministerial appointments are expected but there may be several transfers.

Official sources are silent on the move. The most persistent Parliamentary prediction is that the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, may be replaced, possibly to receive another portfolio.

Mr. Alexander, who has borne the brunt of Parliamentary criticism of the Government's defence policy, is the leading political representative of Britain's

No Experiments

The only appointment actually forced upon the Prime Minister is that of a new Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade to replace Mr. John Belcher, key figure in the London Tribunal proceedings, who has resigned.

The appointment of even one new Minister automatically involves the reshuffling of other portfolios. This is expected to be Mr. Attlee's last reconstruction before the general election due in 1950.

He is therefore unlikely to make experiments. The prestige of the Government, when he appeals to the nation, will depend upon the steadiness of his Administration during the next 12 months—Reuter.

JEWES AND EGYPTIANS RESUME HOSTILITIES

Tel Aviv, December 23.

Fighting flared up today in the Negev desert where a shaky truce between the Egyptians and the Jews has been in force since mid-November. An Israeli military spokesman confirmed Arab radio reports that hostilities began again last night in the Negev.

A war atmosphere has developed through Israel, but, he said, the fighting today had been on a small scale.

He announced that Israeli ground and air forces took part in renewed clashes with Egyptian forces in the Nirim area of Southern Palestine during the night.

The air forces on both sides had taken limited action, dropping bombs on each other's forward positions, he added.

In Haifa, a United Nations spokesman said observers on the spot had reported Israeli Navy units shelling the coast at 8.00 p.m. yesterday. Observers were also said to have counted 16 bombs dropped on Gaza, the Northern Negev seat of the Arab Palestine Government.

The spokesman said tonight that observers in Southern Palestine had been ordered to investigate a triple complaint by the Egyptians.

The Egyptians had complained that their Negev pocket at Faluja was under Jewish artillery and mortar fire and air bombardment yesterday, that their airport at El Arish was attacked by three Israeli planes and that a camp at Rafa and the village of Con Yunis were bombed.

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The spokesman said the Egyptian Government had also sent a letter to the Security Council asking for "prompt and immediate action in view of a new violation of the truce by the Jews on December 22."

General William Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, had informed the Jews that Egypt was now demanding that all troops be withdrawn from the Negev before armistice negotiations were opened. The Israeli Government replied to General William Riley that the Government of Israel felt bound to reserve its freedom of action to defend its territory since the Egyptian Government had changed its mind and was not now willing to take practical steps in the direction of peace.

"The Government of Israel," said a letter to General Riley, "has been watching with concern the steady deterioration of the prospects of peace with Egypt. After the visit to the Middle East by Dr. Ralph Bunche, the United Nations acting Mediator, the Government of Israel was prepared as a token of goodwill to order a start to be made in the evacuation of Egyptian forces encircled at Faluja (in the Negev)."

Right To Act

"A communication was made to that effect to Dr. Bunche on December 9."

"The Israeli Government understands that the Egyptian Government has now changed its mind and appears to be planning itself to a single clause in the resolution passed by the Security Council in order to undo the main purpose the Security Council had in mind—the conclusion of an armistice."

He said as a first step towards peace.

"In view of the fact that the Egyptian Government has done nothing to indicate a desire to achieve a peaceful settlement even after the Israeli Government's expressed readiness in response to Dr. Bunche's appeal to release by stages the Egyptians surrounded at Faluja, the Government of Israel feels bound to reserve its freedom of action with a view to defending its territory and hastening the conclusion of peace."—Reuter.

He Couldn't Believe It

Oakland, California,

December 24.

Police announced yesterday that they had raided the secret headquarters of a Chinese lottery ring doing a US\$3,000,000 yearly business in the San Francisco Bay area.

Officers arrested 25 Chinese and confiscated four tons of lottery tickets.

An attorney stoutly insisted the place was not a lottery but recruiting headquarters for an expeditionary force to be sent to China.

The judge laughed in disbelief when the attorney pointed to one Chinese and said, "This one is the Generalissimo's brother-in-law."—Associated Press.

SECRET PAPERS IN CRASHED PLANE

Athens, December 24.

Important diplomatic documents may have been on board a Czech plane which crashed in an inaccessible area of Greece.

This construction is placed on an urgent order given to Greek troops to rush to the scene of the crash in mountains near Kalamata.

The pilot of the plane, which was bound from Prague to Palestine, was the wartime pilot of Winston Churchill.

All on board the plane are believed to have perished.

The Greek Government is gravely concerned about the documents, which are believed to have been in the possession of a courier.

The papers were from the Greek Legations in Belgrade and Prague.

The fear is expressed that Communist guerrillas may get the pouch and find valuable information. The plane's crew of five were Czechs.

Big Project For Wales

London, December 24.

Six major hydro-electric projects in North Wales, estimated to cost £20 million and producing 520 million units of electricity yearly are being considered by the British Electricity Authority.

This was announced by Mr. A. N. Cooper, the Divisional Controller for Merseyside and North Wales, who said that schemes were proposed for the following areas:

Upper Conway, Mawddach, Merioneth, Rhedol, Cardigan, Snowdon, Carnarvonshire, Ffestiof Merioneth and Nant Francon, Carnarvonshire.

In addition, extensions to the hydro-electric stations at D-garrog, Carnarvonshire, and Maentwrog, were planned.

Mr. Cooper said the output of the proposed schemes would increase the generating capacity of North Wales five-fold and would be equivalent to a saving of approximately 500,000 tons of coal annually.—Reuter.

FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA

Athens, December 24.

Guerrilla forces, estimated at about 2,000 strong, launched a fierce attack today against Edessa and Naoussa, two chief towns of Western Macedonia, the Greek General Staff announced tonight.

The guerrillas were stopped but a savage battle is going on. No further details are yet available.—Reuter.

27 KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Madrid, December 23.

All 27 occupants were killed when a regular Madrid-Barcelona airliner crashed near Tarragona today.—Reuter.

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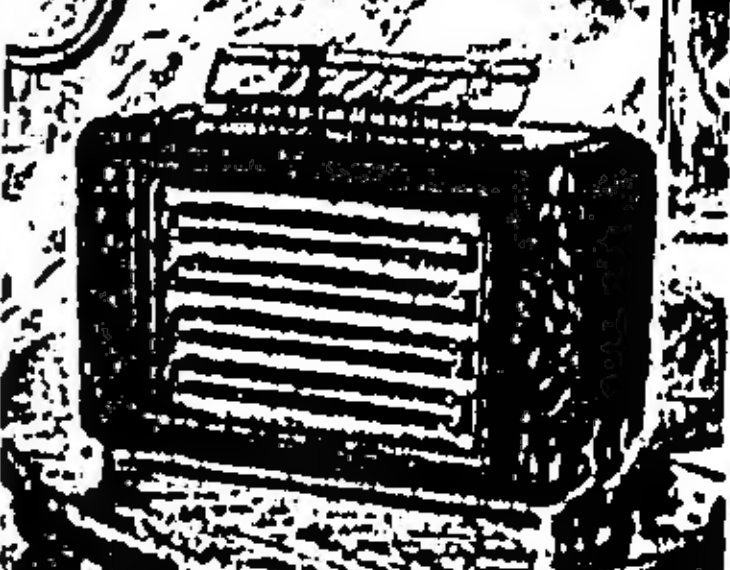
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FU TSO-YI'S POSITION WORSE THAN HOPELESS

Peiping, December 24.

Fu Tso-yi's position in North China, where the spotlight of China's civil war is playing, is worse than hopeless.

His lines of supply and escape have been cut and his troops penned in islands in a vast Red sea. His prospects of relief are less than nil.

His main islands are Tangku on the sea coast, Tientsin, Peiping and Kalgan. Fu himself remains in Peiping.

His position here is that of a mouse in a priceless porcelain jar—a jar which the Reds would have to break if they wanted to get the mouse. Evidence so far shows they don't want to do that.

Perhaps they see Peiping as the future capital of China—then China.

The Reds in the past have shown an almost inhuman patience waiting for cities to fall to them like ripe plums. Chungking and Mukden in Manchuria are two notable examples.

The Reds have Fu where they want him, bottled up in a city which at best is only a defensive base. They need a relatively small force to contain him in this area.

Starved Out?

Strategically Tangku and Tientsin are much more worthwhile objectives and it is possible that they may take them before Peiping.

Official assurances notwithstanding, it is doubtful whether the city, crowded as it is with troops and refugees in addition to the normal population, can withstand a very long siege.

Truman On The Phone

Kansas City, December 23. President Truman made a long distance phone call today to his acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, in Washington.

Mr. Charles Ross, the Presidential press secretary, announced that they had discussed international developments in the last 21 hours.

Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, is recovering less rapidly than expected from his kidney operation, his wife disclosed in Washington today.

His progress was steady but Mrs. Marshall expected a long convalescence. There has been no official or authoritative statement when, if ever, Mr. Marshall may resume work as Secretary of State. —Reuter.

COUNCIL DRANK THE VODKA

Vienna, December 23. The Allied Control Council for Austria met here today, ate Christmas caviare, drank vodka supplied by the Russians, and unanimously agreed on the first two items on their agenda.

These were, to put in action the Austrian Government law on de-Nazification, and to expand the Austrian public teletype network. But no agreement was reached on a Soviet paper criticising the development of Austrian industry as being one-sided at the expense of consumer production. —Reuter.

Missing Ship Reported Safe

Shanghai, December 24. After 24 hours' silence, the Chinese Merchant steamer Haichai, bound for Canton with 80 passengers and a cargo of military supplies, reported yesterday afternoon that all was well and that she was on course to Canton, according to a company spokesman.

No mention was made in the message of any difficulties or danger encountered on board the ship. The ship's long silence had previously given rise to fears here that the vessel might have been seized by Communist agents and diverted Northward. —Reuter.

Fu's Loyalty

They have little food and less money to replenish their meagre stock when they run out. Many of them are crowded together in rooms without heat, light or any other comfort.

They are only waiting for the peace they hope will come so they can return to their humble farms and rebuild their homes.

The Reds would like Fu Tso-yi to throw in his lot with them and they have tried to seduce him from his allegiance to Nanking. But Fu knows that submission means loss of his reputation and honour, both of which can be saved to some extent if a general compromise is worked out between Nanking and the Reds. —Associated Press.

YOUNG CHINA PARTY JOINS

Nanking, December 24. The Deputy Premier, Wu Tschien, said today that the Young China Party has consented to join the new Cabinet.

Mr. Wu said that Tso Shun-sheng has accepted the post of Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and Lin Ke-chi the Minister without Portfolio. He said the Democratic Socialist Party, though it does not enter the Cabinet, has pledged support of the Government. Both parties have been the only minorities in the Kuomintang-dominated Government. —United Press.

Red Manoeuvring Round Tientsin

Tientsin, December 24.

Communist forces in the North Western suburbs of Tientsin have begun to move to the North East.

This follows a whole week of probing attacks around the city.

In the Southern district, the situation is slightly tenser but the emergency airport located there has not yet been molested.

A high Nationalist officer told Chinese newspapermen that the Communist probes have ended and troop movements from the Northern outskirts and other localities were now expected.

This officer said the Nationalists claim to have recovered Nantsang, in the North Western suburb, following a Communist redeployment.

Meanwhile, a "locust" Nationalist army continued to throng Tientsin despite the overcrowded conditions of the metropolis. They are occupying all available accommodation.

The Municipal Government revealed that 50,000 labourers were being immediately pressed into service for assisting the city's defence works.

The Bureau of Social Affairs has received orders to organize and train regional first-aid and stretcher bearing corps besides the collection of comfort articles for troops "at the front".

The Chinese press admits that fighting continued yesterday to the North of Tangku, following a severe battle throughout the day, during which General Lin Piao's forces were alleged to have suffered considerable casualties. There was no mention of Nationalist losses. —Reuter.

No Reliance On Foreign Assistance

Nanking, December 24. "China can not rely on foreign aid to obtain the goal for which the Government is fighting."

The Premier Dr. Sun Fo said this at the first session of his new Cabinet last night.

He said the "ultimate aim" of the war is peace.

Dr. Sun mentioned no peace efforts and reminded his Cabinet that the Government tried but failed to negotiate peace with the Communists after Japanese war ended.

"It takes two sides to make war and the Government alone cannot give up the use of military force," he said. —Associated Press.

U.S. DESTROYERS FOR TURKEY

Washington, December 23. American crews will sail two United States Navy destroyers with extensive World War II battle records to Turkey early in 1941 to complete their transfer to the Turkish Navy.

A small number of United States Navy personnel will remain in Turkey after the transfer to give technical instruction. —Reuter.

Tientsin Awaiting Arrival Of Reds

Tientsin, December 24.

North China's foremost commercial centre today is a city of shuttered shops and apprehensive people.

Its 2,000,000 inhabitants are awaiting the arrival of General Lin Piao's Red armies.

Apprehension largely is for possible looting and disorders between defeat or surrender of the Government forces and the take-over by the Reds. The latter's eventual conquest of the city is unquestioned by most foreigners and Chinese here.

Like its Northern neighbour, Peiping, Tientsin is a beehive of military activity. But it is the consensus that the construction of defence works is more to keep the troops occupied than a preparation to repel the Reds.

Many express the hope that the Reds will soon take over, not because they favour Communism, but because of the certain deterioration of the city if it is long occupied by large Nationalist forces, many of them undisciplined.

General dissatisfaction is heard over the behaviour of the Nationalist troops, both disarmed, defeated survivors of the Manchurian collapse, now numbering more than 20,000 men, as well as regulars, who have taken over large areas by destroying trees and houses for fuel. Foreign colonies here have dwindled to 300 British, 150 Americans, 200 French, 150 Italians and more than 1,000 Soviet citizens.

Foreign Residents

Normal commercial business activities in Tientsin are dead and many banks and factories are closed due to war fears and lack of materials and fuel.

The only people who appear to be busy in the heart of the city are soldiers building street-corner strongpoints and carpenters fitting shutters to store fronts for protection against anticipated looting. With the construction of the new airstrip adjoining the American Consulate-General, Robert Soyl's, residence and those of

his staff members, these American homes have become particularly vulnerable in the event of a Red attack on the airstrip.

But there is a distinct impression here that the Nationalist officials—like those in Peiping—are awaiting some settlement, either in Nanking or by General Fu Tso-yi to permit an orderly take-over by the Reds. —Associated Press.

EXILE ASKED TO LEAVE

Paris, December 23.

General Lilia Juan Evancisto Fernandez, 34-year-old Spanish political refugee, has been asked to leave the French mainland because of his interference with the internal politics of France, a spokesman of the French Ministry of the Interior, said today.

The spokesman added that General Fernandez is not being deported. Because he was a political refugee he would go to Corsica instead of Spain.

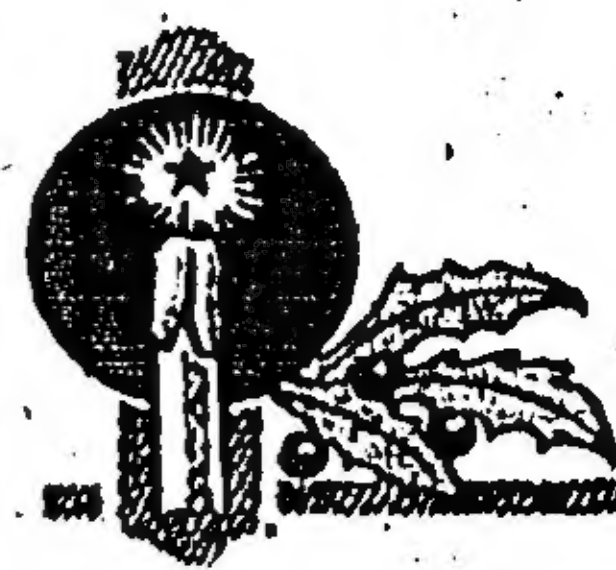
General Fernandez was subject to no restrictions except that he was required to reside in Corsica. He would make his own arrangements about going there. —Reuter.

YUGOSLAV TALKS WITH CEYLON

London, December 23.

A Yugoslav trade delegation will very probably arrive in Ceylon in the middle of January, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke announced in London today.

The High Commissioner for Ceylon said it would be the first time in Ceylon's history that a trade delegation from a European country other than Britain had visited the island. —Reuter.



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Lake Success, December 23.

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They concluded: "Peace on earth and goodwill to men must be made living realities through the United Nations." —Reuter.

Strife Bar To Far East Aid

Manila, December 23.

Mamuel Gallego, who headed the Philippine delegation to the conference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, said today that civil strife and political chaos are a definite impediment to launching of the Marshall Plan in this part of the world.

Mr. Gallego said ECAFE delegates were disappointed over the United States' cold attitude toward the proposal for an Asiatic Marshall Plan.

The American ambassador in Australia had said that domestic political reconciliation and general adjustment in Asiatic nations are necessary before widespread economic planning financed by the United States can be undertaken. —United Press.



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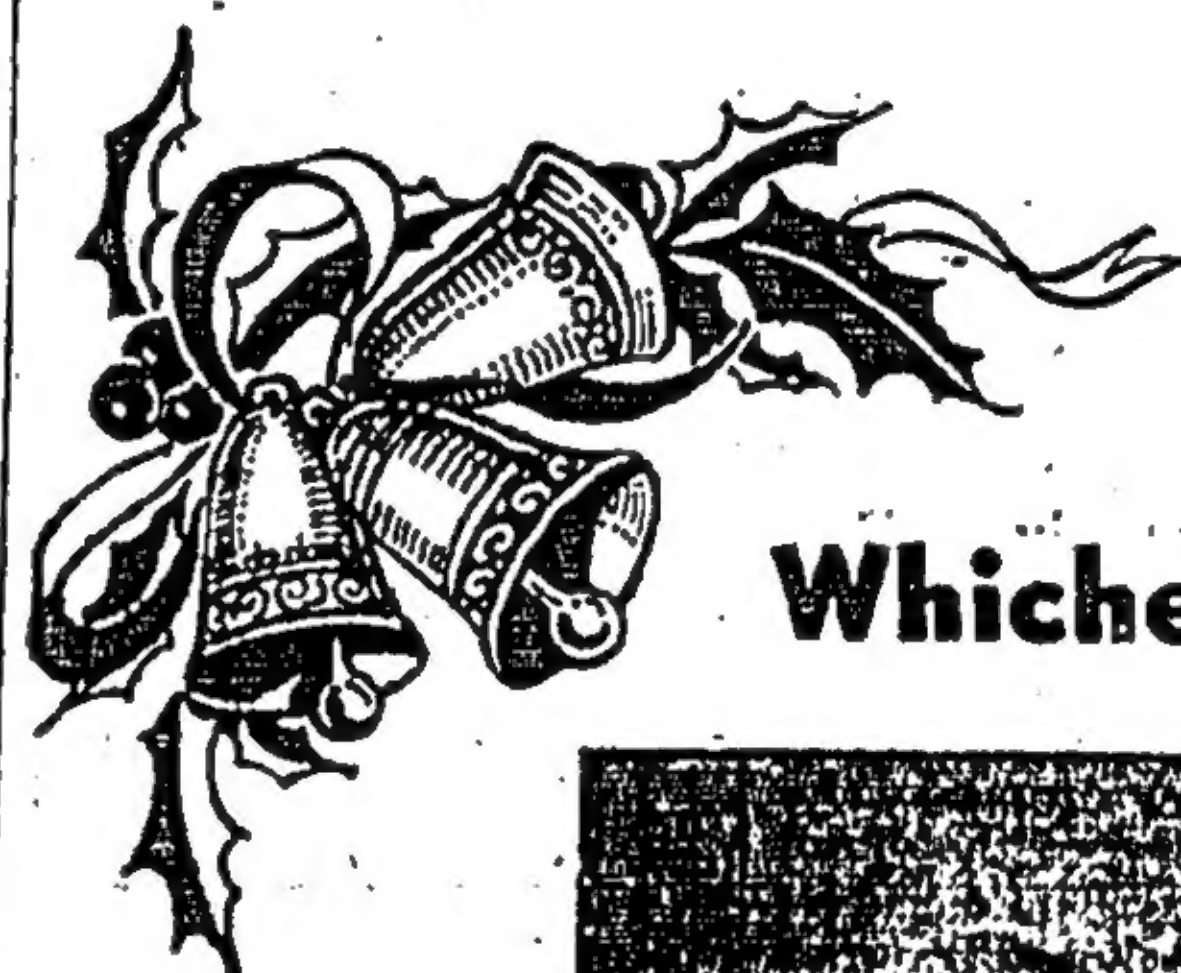
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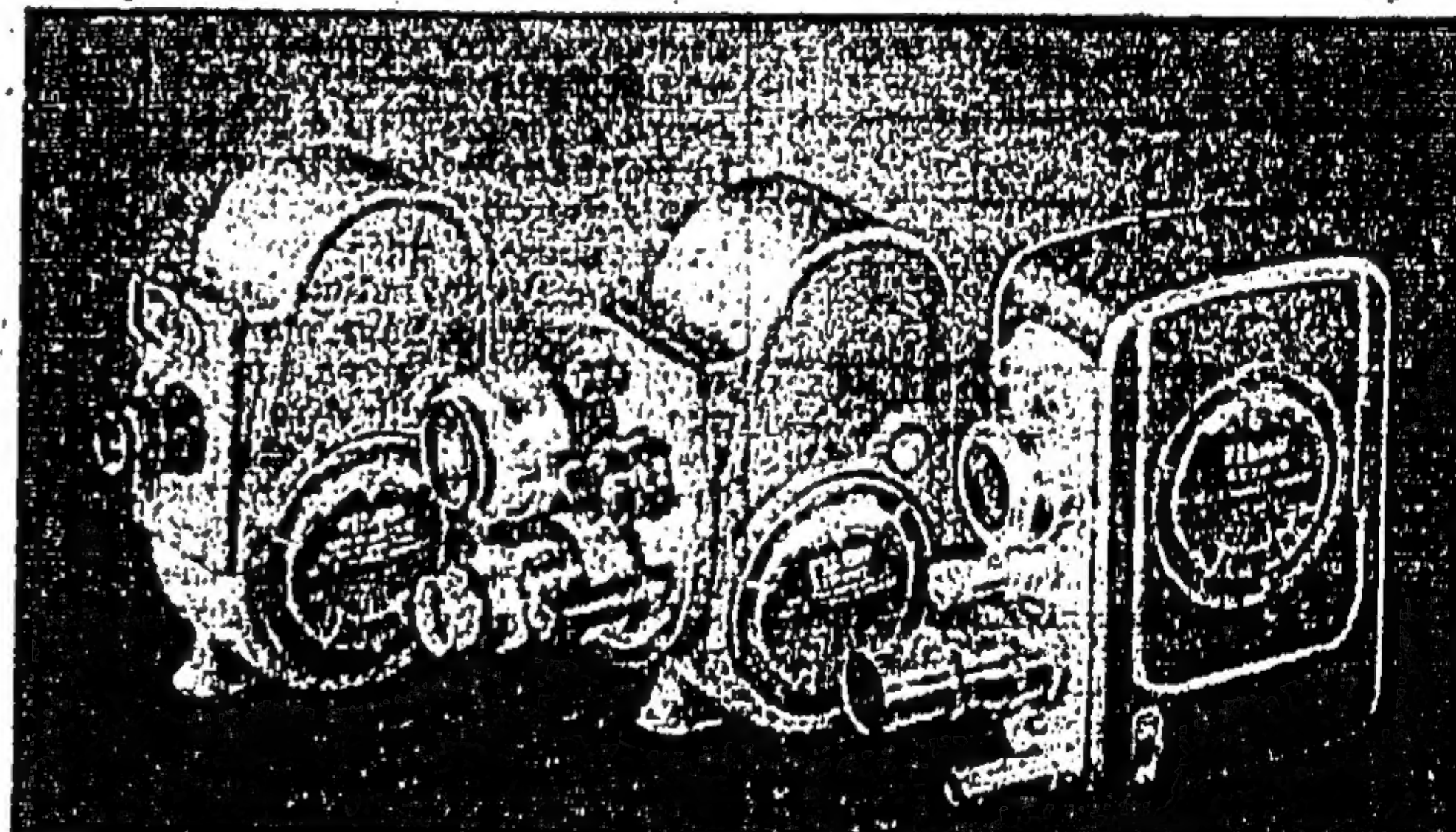
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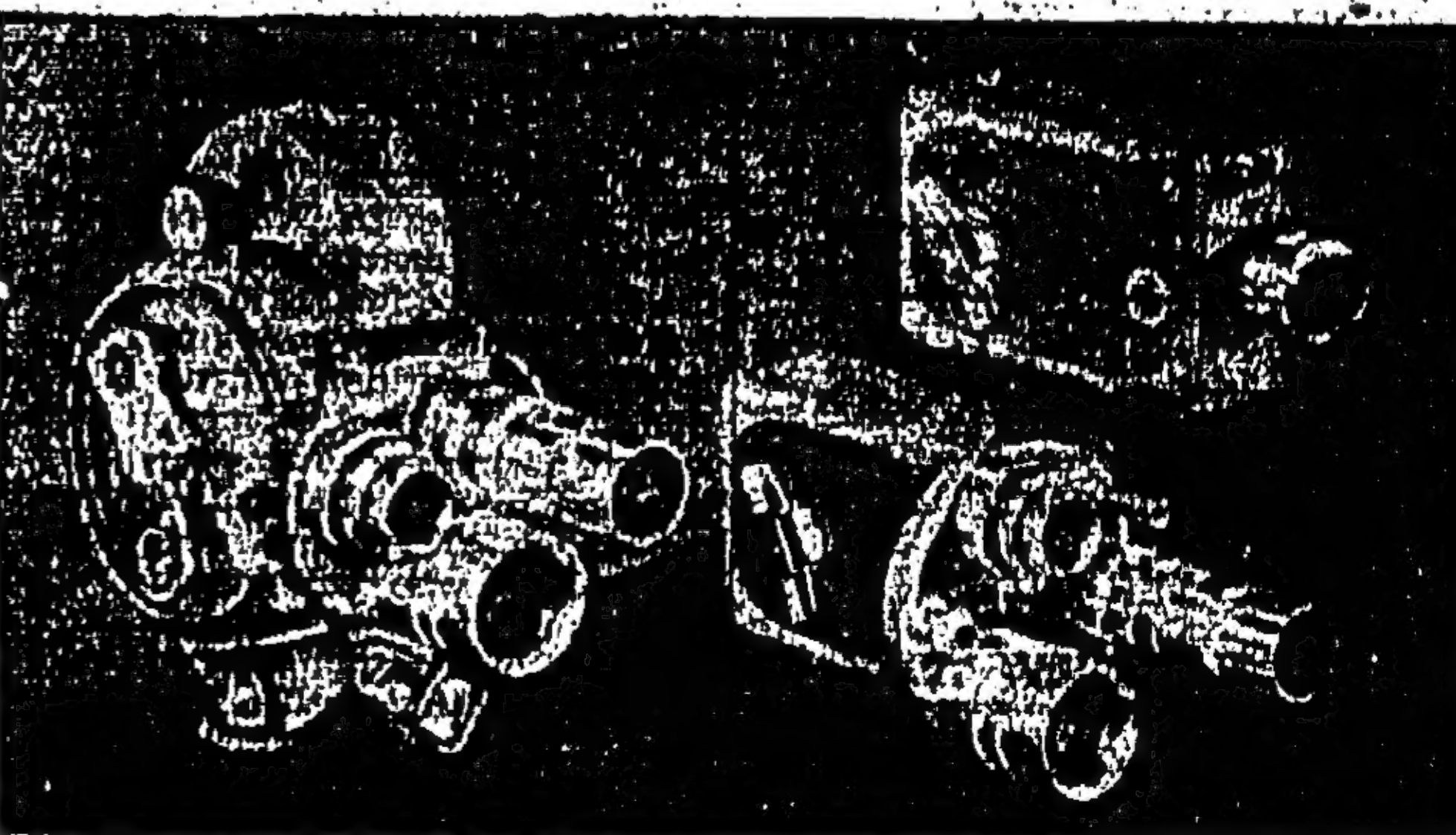
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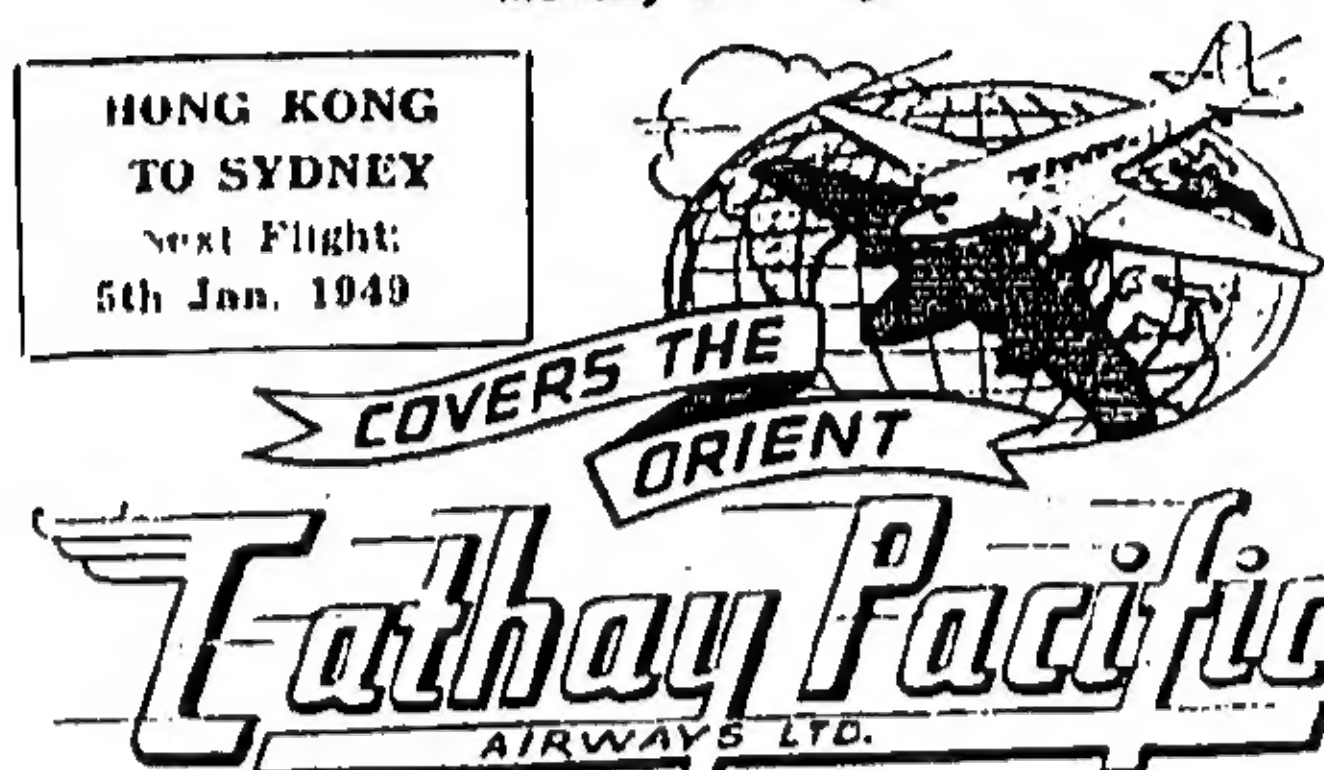




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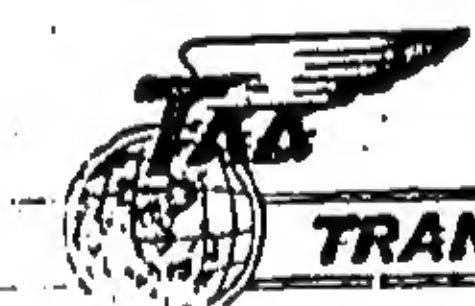
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SEARCH FOR PEACE

The traditional Christmas message: "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," could scarcely be invested with a greater sense of irony than at this Christmas, 1948, when there are so few signs of goodwill and still less of the emergence of peace. The cold war in Germany is being progressively intensified; the Dutch have chosen this time to launch military action in Indonesia which have shocked world opinion, even among such sections who give full weight to the provocations the Dutch have experienced in a two-year bid to find a less desperate solution; in China, the outlook is equally disturbing. It is true that Dr. Sun Fo's address to the first meeting of his new Cabinet carried the implication that he will find a way to secure peace if this is humanly possible without too great a sacrifice of the national interest, but it would be folly to place faith in any such an accomplishment under existing conditions in China. It may be as certain Chinese quarters suggest that a struggle is proceeding behind the scenes in Nanking between those demanding that the civil war be fought to the last ditch and those seeing no prospect in further destruction of the national economy and are desirous of cutting the loss and making the best of a bad job. There are, possibly, those who will attach importance to Sun Fo's declaration of determination to continue fighting until a reasonable peace is obtainable, but if this is intended as an olive branch, it is not at all clear how it comes about that his new Cabinet consists of practically the "Old Gang," containing no leading Leftist members, nothing which is in the least bit suggestive of a coalition grouping. On the other hand, those who make up Sun Fo's are far from entitled to be regarded as a strong war cabinet. It is, in fact, neither one thing nor the other; it is neither a consolidation of vigorous minds to strengthen the National Gov-

ernment in its fight against the Reds, nor a reorganisation which is likely to have any appeal to the Communists were peace feelers to be thrown out seriously. The only alternatives which seem to lie for Sun Fo is to fall in with the intransigence of the Generalissimo, or to regard his present Cabinet as a caretaker government, preliminary to negotiations which might lead to some form of temporary but genuine coalition. In the former case, the attitude of the Western and Southern Provinces, appears to be uncertain, for although no direct evidence of any such project has appeared, there have been rumours of talks down South contemplating the formation of a separate military alliance of the Southern provinces. In such an event, the Communists might be prepared to accept a compromise in spite of their powerful military position, knowing that before long they would be able to seize full control by political means. It is hinted frequently that certain influential political leaders in Nanking are inclined to take the risk of concluding peace with the Communists, as a lesser evil than continuing what now appears to be a hopeless struggle. This, however, remains a realm which seems to ignore a number of personal factors, as well as the fact that solutions which appear to be political and reasonable by Western standards are not always feasible in China.

THE FORTY-SECOND INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

when some of our requirements demanded extra effort on the part of overloaded British civil agencies.

Visits to Chequers always had business as their main purpose. But the countryside was so pleasant and peaceful that an occasional hour spent in strolling through the fields and woods was real recreation. Chequers was one time occupied by Cromwell; its setting, architecture, and furniture were all historically interesting.

The Prime Minister would usually ask his guests to arrive during the late afternoon. Dinner would be followed by a short music and then, at about 10.30 p.m., business conferences would begin. These sometimes lasted until three the next morning. Nearly always present were Mr. Eden and one or more of the British Chiefs of Staff. Every type of problem was discussed and after definite decisions reached. Operational messages arrived every few hours from the London headquarters, and Mr. Churchill always participated with the British Chiefs in the formulation and dispatch of instructions, even those that were strictly military, sometimes only tactical, in character.

In such conferences as these I came to admire and like many of the people with whom I was so often in contact. One of them was Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Air Member of the British Chiefs of Staff. He was a profound military student—but with it all a man of action—and quiet, courteous, of strong convictions. It was a pleasure to discuss with him any problem of war, whether in such a field as the formulation of his own field of the air. He enjoyed great prestige in British military and civil circles, as well as among the Americans of the Allied command. His distinguished character, his perfect balance, with perfect control of his temper, even in the most intense argument I never saw him show anger or unusual excitement.

Mr. Churchill, on the other hand, rarely failed to inject into most conferences some element of emotion. One day a British general happened to refer to soldiers in the technical language of the British staff officer, as "bodies." The Prime Minister interrupted with an impassioned speech of condemnation and it was impossible to get a balance, that it sounded as if they were merely freight—or worse—corpses. I must confess I always felt the same way about the expression, but on that occasion my sympathy was with the staff officer, who to his own obvious embarrassment had innocently drawn on himself the displeasure of the Prime Minister.

As in most other British homes, there was a guest book in "Chequers." Each guest was expected to sign it. I remember the first time I signed it, I dropped in at Chequers to see Mr. Churchill for ten minutes, after which I dashed for the door to continue my journey. Just as I gained the front of my car, I became aware that the family butler, in all his dignity, was standing by to speak to me. He said, "Sir, you have forgotten the book," and his solemn tone meant to me that he found it difficult to forgive my oversight. I corrected the omission and signed my way.

In spite of all his preoccupations, Mr. Churchill constantly evidenced an intense human side. When London had to endure the "Little Blitz" of February, 1944, he had frequent occasions to urge me to occupy one of the specially built underground shelters in London. He even went to the extent of having an entire



apartment, complete with kitchen, living room, bedroom, and secret telephone, fixed up for me. While I never used or even saw the place, yet he never ceased to show great concern for my safety, although paying absolutely no attention to his own. His single greatest desire, during an air raid, was to visit his daughter Mary, then serving in an anti-aircraft battery protecting London.

In all our conferences Mr. Churchill clearly and concisely explained his attitude toward and his hopes for Overlord. He gradually became more optimistic than he had earlier been, but he still refused to let his expectations completely conquer his doubts. More than once he said, "General, if by the coming winter you have established yourself with your thirty-six Allied divisions firmly on the Continent, and have the Cherbourg and Brittany peninsulas in your grasp, I will proclaim this operation to the world as one of the most successful of the war." And then he would add, "And if, in addition to this, you have secured the port at Le Havre and freed beautiful Paris from the hands of the enemy, I will assert the victory to be the greatest of modern times." Always I would reply, "Prime Minister, I assure you that the coming winter will see the Allied forces on the borders of Germany itself. You are counting only on our presently available thirty-six divisions. We are going to bring in ten additional from the Mediterranean, and through the ports we capture we shall soon begin to rush in an additional forty from the United States."

He doubted that we could get the elbow room to do all this in the summer and fall of 1944, and often observed, "All this is for later; my statement still holds." In reply to my insistence that the picture I painted him was not too rosy, even if the German continued to fight to the bitter end, he would smile and say, "My dear General, it is always fine for a leader to be optimistic. I applaud your enthusiasm; but liberate Paris by Christmas and none of us can ask for more."

On April 7, General Montgomery, with co-operating air and naval forces, to present the completed picture of the detailed plan for the ground assault against the beaches. A huge conference was arranged in St. Paul's School in London and there an entire day was spent in presentation, examination, and co-ordination of detail.

The plan carried the troops straight South against the shore of France with the Americans on the right, the British and Canadians on the left. The extreme right flank of the assault was against Utah Beach, on the Cherbourg peninsula, the left flank at approximately the mouth of the river Orne. The entire front of attack was over sixty miles long.

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SLASHING ATTACK ON NETHERLANDS ACTION

Soviet To Put Forward A Plan For Indonesia U.S. PROPOSAL "DEFECTIVE"

Paris, December 23.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, delivered a slashing attack on the Dutch for "their unprovoked aggression in Indonesia" when the Security Council debate on the situation in Indonesia was resumed this afternoon. Mr. Malik said the question had been on the Security Council agenda for nearly three years and was still undecided. "The Council is once more convened to consider an unprovoked aggression on Indonesia," he said. Mr. Malik, tracing the history of the Indonesian Republic, added: "The Security Council has never taken sufficiently strong measures to protect Indonesia from military aggression."

Holland had been preparing for this aggressive move from the time the Renville truce was signed in January last, Mr. Malik said. "The Security Council had contented itself with passing abstract resolutions binding nobody and allowing the Dutch to go on with their preparations of war."

Holland had also been preparing the Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, Mr. Malik said.

He described the arrest of the Indonesian leader, as "a gross breach of diplomatic immunity." Since May, the Dutch officers had been in the Netherlands, he said.

He attacked the Committee for an effective Indonesian Republic, saying it was a "shell for Dutch aggressive preparations."

The Soviet delegation would not support the draft resolution, Mr. Malik said. "The acts of the Dutch Government can only be characterized as acts of aggression," Mr. Malik added.

"Direct Challenge"

"The Indonesian Republic has done everything to observe faithfully and honorably the terms of the truce agreement and to avoid giving the Dutch the slightest pretext for aggression."

It was clear that Holland had never desired an agreement with the Indonesians.

"The final Dutch demands would have meant a complete liquidation of the Indonesian Republic," Mr. Malik said, "since while condemning the Dutch case they had pronounced against the American draft resolution."

The Indonesian people, together with all the people of Asia—more than half the population of the world—was on the move towards freedom, Mr. Malik declared.

Holland had broken international law, affronted the prestige and authority of the United Nations.

Quick Action

The Security Council must take quick and effective action in Indonesia. It could no longer remain a disinterested spectator. It must order the withdrawal of troops and set up a Commission representing all members of the Council, he stated.

The Commission must supervise the cease fire order, the withdrawal of troops and finally the solution of the whole problem.

Mr. Malik stated that Mr. Jan Herman Van Royen's presentation of the Dutch case was "pitiful and full of falsifications."

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KING'S XMAS IN LONDON

London, December 24. Because of King George's illness, he and Queen Elizabeth will spend the Christmas holidays in London instead of Norfolk for the first time since their reign began 12 years ago.

This will also be their first Christmas as grandparents. The monarch is laid up with an obstruction in the blood flow of his legs.

Associated Press.

QUAKE RECORDED

Weston, Massachusetts, December 23. The Boston College seismograph station today reported an earthquake of moderate strength lasting about two hours and located probably near the Aleutian Islands.—Reuter.

Help For Russia In Cold War

Paris, December 23.

The Netherlands' "police action" in Indonesia is helping the Russian side of the cold war despite Dutch cries of Communist inspiration.

The United States is being "tough" with the Dutch over the Indonesian situation because it feels the Dutch have made a serious tactical blunder in the cold war.

"The Dutch are doing more harm than good," said a source familiar with U.S. policy. "The United States recognizes that Communist elements are prevalent in the Indonesian Republic Government, but it does not consider that government an out and out Communist set-up."

"The United States does not like the looks of a combination."

Do Their Faces Get Red?

London, December 23.

By making habitual toppers blush every time they swallow a glass of wine, beer or spirits, Dr. O. Martenson Larsen, of Copenhagen, thinks he has found a cure for alcoholism.

The blush, as deep as one which might come to a teetotaler caught drinking on the sly, is caused by the drug, antabuse, an article in the Lancet said.

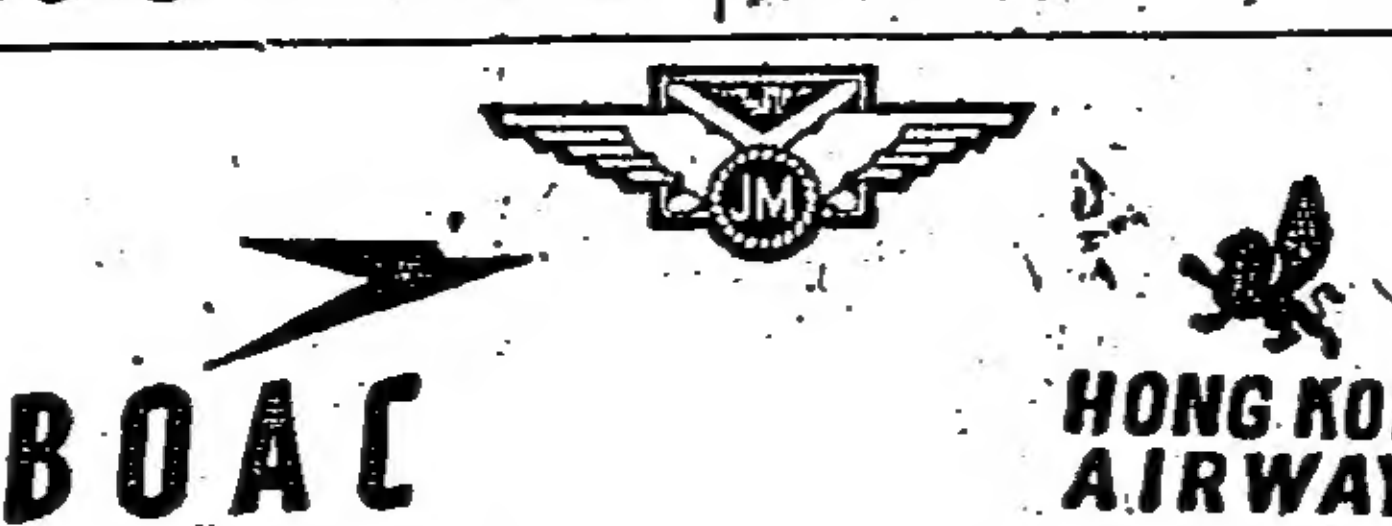
Dr. Larsen treated 83 patients with this drug last year and got promising results in 74 cases. Besides the blushing, the drug causes palpitation, nausea and a hangover headache.

But these are claimed to be only transient and the patient eventually loses all desire and taste for alcohol.

So far, said Dr. Larsen, it is not possible to tell how long the results will last or whether ill effects might follow the continued use of the drug. So he is investigating further.—Reuter.

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LABOUR UNIONS BACK PLAN FOR INDONESIA

Washington, December 23.

The CIO Committee of Industrial Organizations says the State Department has the full support of American workers in efforts to end the fighting in Indonesia.

It urged a quick settlement of the dispute.

The CIO President, Philip Murray, in a letter to the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, said colonial peoples should be given the greatest possible assistance in developing free, democratic governments.

Indonesian leaders asked both the CIO and the AFL to boycott Dutch shipping and Dutch produce in protest against military action by the Netherlands.

Mr. Murray wrote Mr. Marshall that much of the American aid being furnished to the

Netherlands government is being used for purposes inconsistent with the original intent and objectives of the European Recovery Programme.

Wanton Attack

He said: "We feel that the action of the Netherlands government in suddenly and wantonly attacking the people of Indonesia conforms neither to the morality of our civilization nor to the practical political needs of the people of Western Europe and the United States."

The appeal for a boycott by United States labour against Dutch shipping was carried to CIO and AFL officials by Mr. John R. Andu, president of the Indonesia League of America, and Mr. Samsul Maarif, a League official.

The League, social organization of Indonesians living in the United States, recently has been at odds with the Indonesian government delegation to the United States.

Mr. Andu said their differences have been resolved because of the East Indies crisis.

Guerilla War

The Dutch military action in fact has unified Indonesians abroad and at home," Mr. Andu said.

"I predict a general uprising against the Dutch possibly within a week, certainly within a month."

"Our plans call for guerrilla warfare. We have some war weapons hidden in the islands, not enough but some, and we expect to get more from India, Burma and other Asiatic nations. We also expect to receive a number of volunteers for military service against the Dutch from the Asiatic nations."—Associated Press.

Indonesia To Be Second Palestine

New York, December 23.

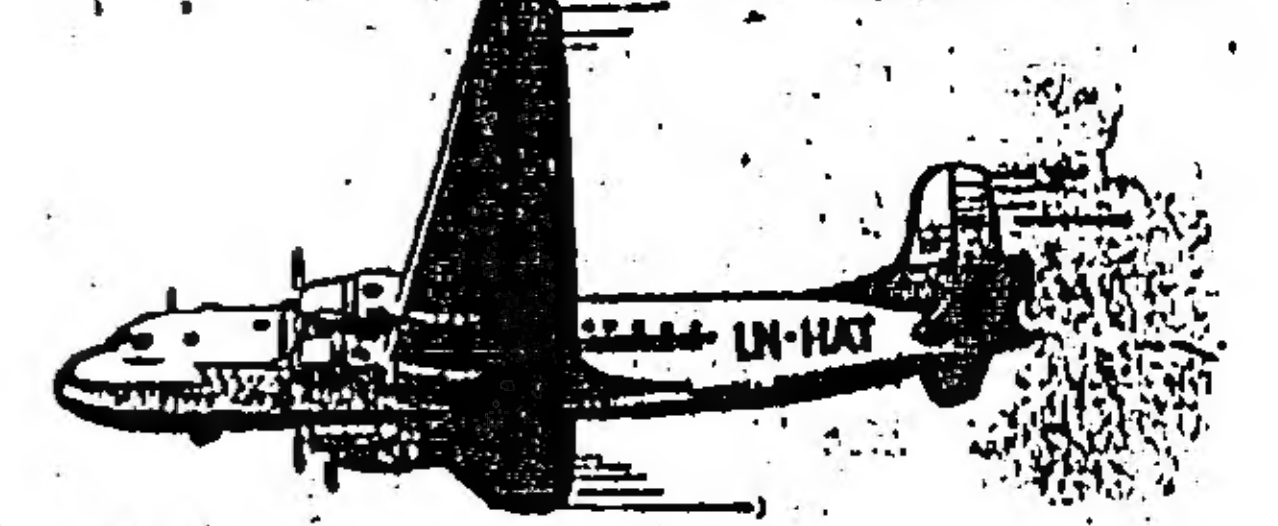
The New York Herald-Tribune today compared the Indonesian fighting with the Palestine case.

It said the lesson of the Palestine experience was a demonstration that the United Nations is incompetent to administer a situation of this kind.

"If Western democracy has anything valid to say about such an intricate complex of rights and wrongs as is involved in the Indonesian problem, it ought to have the courage to say it regardless of the consequences. If not, it ought to say nothing."

The editorial went on: "The United States has suspended Marshall plan shipments to the Netherlands East Indies (not, of course, to the Netherlands itself) for that would be something more than a half measure and has introduced a resolution before the Security Council calling for a cease fire and restoration of the lines to what they were before the Dutch initiated their 'police action'."

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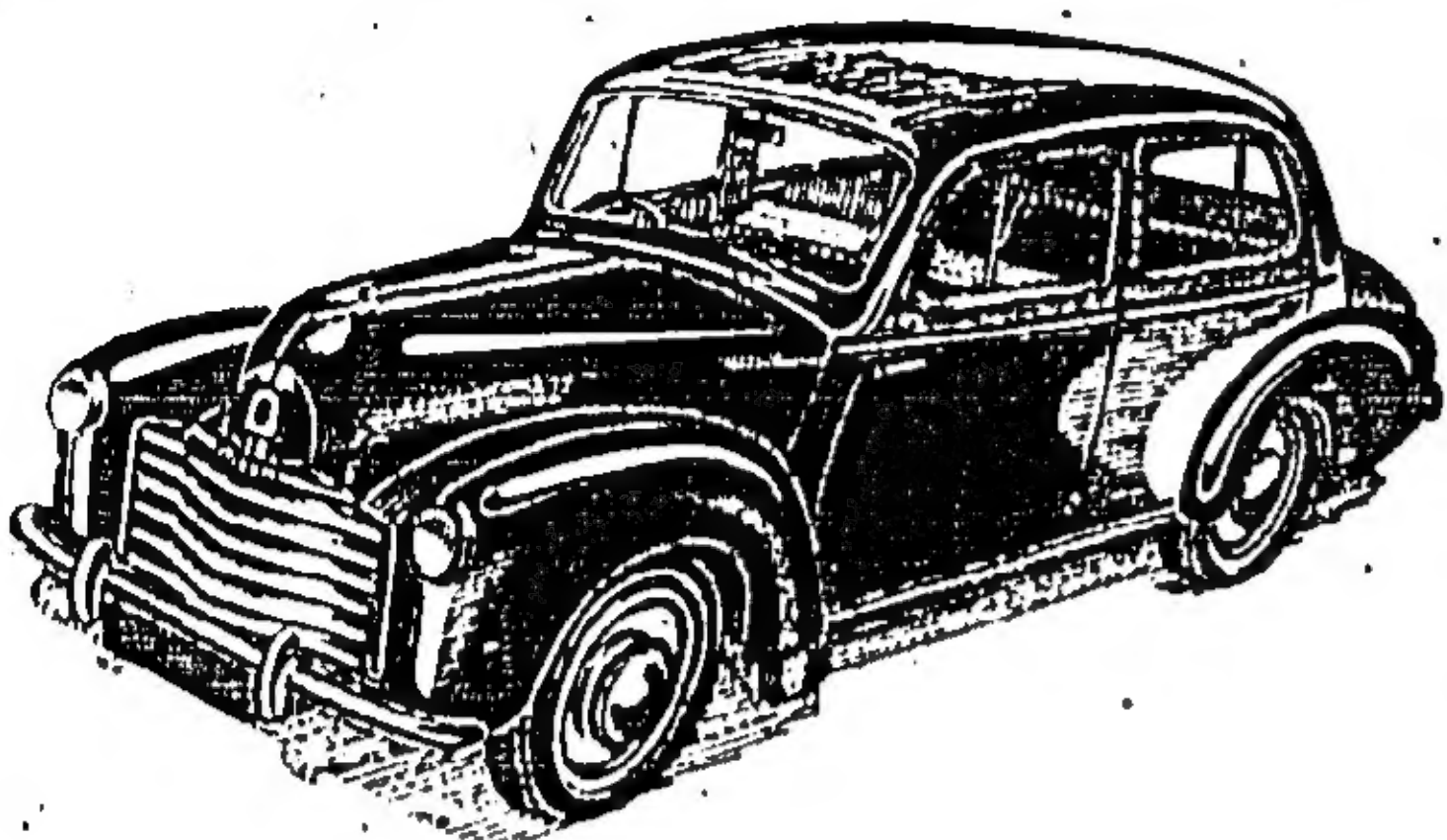
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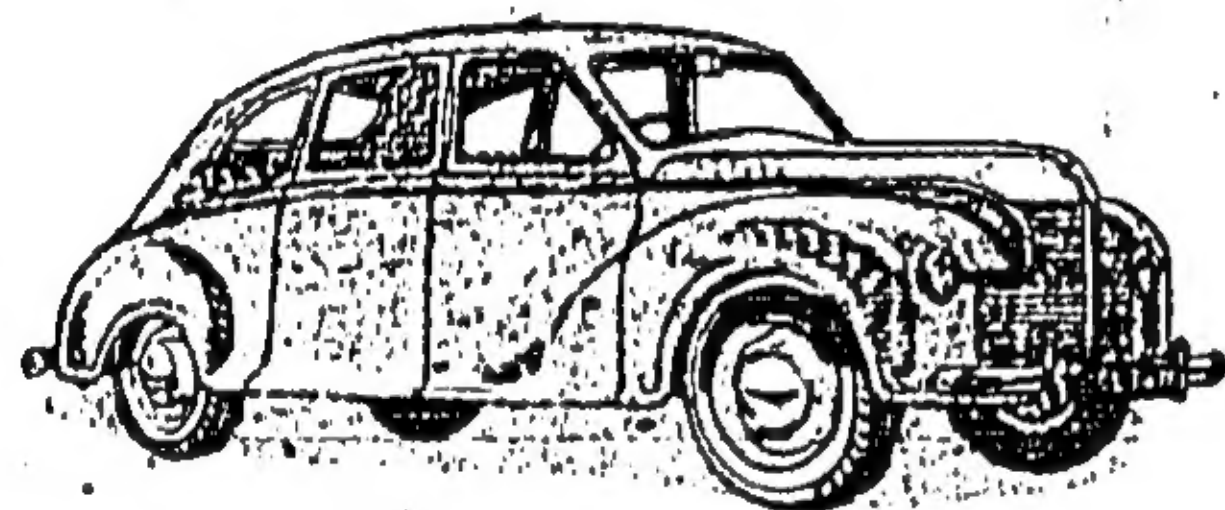
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'ONE WORLD' MORE OBVIOUS IN SHOW THAN IN CHAILLOT

(By VOTNEY D. HURD)

The newest automobiles from all over the world met in assembly in Paris early in October and showed perhaps more progress in arriving at a common viewpoint than the United Nations meeting at the Palais de Chaillot.

Like the nations represented at Chaillot, the cars at the Paris Auto Salon were true exponents of their nationalism, a constructive nationalism in this case, but one seeking dollar markets, nevertheless.

But this very factor of seeking a common market has had the same effect as the United Nations, seeking a common world understanding.

The Americans had yielded on the point of lower centres of gravity. The French had yielded on the excessive front-end of previous years. The Italians had simplified their already simple lines a bit more in the wide-sided American direction.

British Yield Most

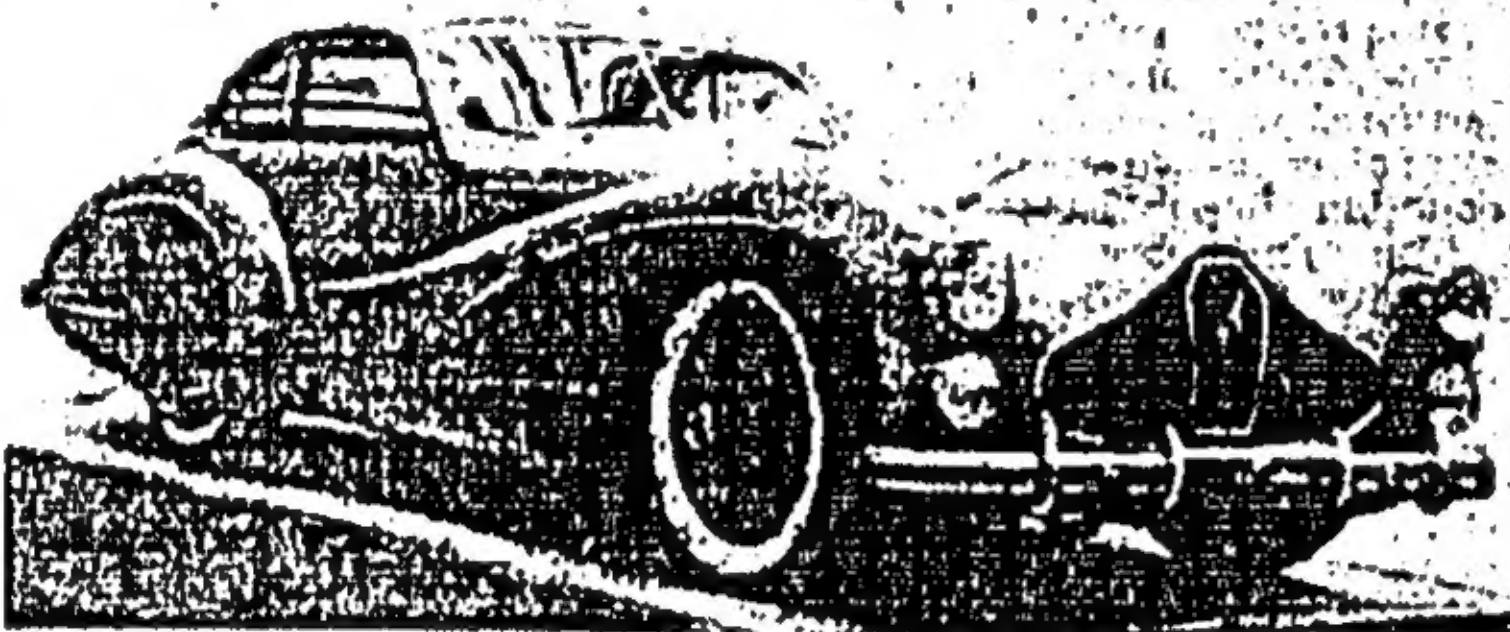
The British had yielded most in the marked change from their previous models which rigidly followed designs of the 1930's.

In Europe with its narrow streets and high-crowned roads these wide American cars have proved a problem.

The French-made Ford appears to have arrived at a mass production compromise. It has a lower chassis than either Ford or Mercury, but has modified the front grill, since so much chrome is not popular in Europe. The result is a wide, but not too wide and low car, which goes as far as possible in this direction for European work.

The name of the new French Ford is Vedette, to set it apart from the American Ford.

The French, for the first time since the war, have several cars



A fixed-head coupe in two shades of blue, by Saatchi & Saatchi on the Lago Record Talbot. Interior fittings are gold-plated.

and in a quiet British way had moved toward the wide, running-boardless models of the Americans.

To put it another way, you can buy and drive almost any of the cars you find and take them to neighboring countries without feeling you are departing too far from the normal trend, wherever you land.

But reports of increasing insurance rates and higher repair costs now coming from the United States, as the result of eliminating fenders and running boards, only backs up the current European feeling that American cars in seeking the wide line have gone only half way.

Further they had for the first time made themselves much less attractive to foreign markets. It has been, in fact, only the tremendous shortage of cars by a war-wrecked Europe that has given American cars such prominence.

especially designed for the times. Citroën has come out with a little four-seater front wheel drive car with a two-cylinder air cooled motor.

It has not even a starter, but is started by hand from the driver's seat. Independent torsion sprung wheels give it a very easy ride, and it is amazingly economical. The car sells for around US\$500. It can be mass produced at such a low price as to bring motoring to the common man.

Teardrop Version

Peugeot has a genuinely new car, the 203, which is modelled after the American cars of the "prowide-side" period. It has been thoroughly designed for ride, for noise suppression, and is probably as near like a small American car as could be found, outside the Vedette.

The Renault company is concentrating on its little four passenger motor-in-rear job of last year. Panhard, having made the widest, largest, and most luxurious riding of French cars before the war, now is making one of the smallest, the "Dyna."

In addition to its standard model Panhard builds a teardrop version, modelled after an airplane, which is too bizarre to be widely accepted, but an interesting move from which modification could be effectively developed.

The Shinc five has become the Shinc six, in a version with more American-type lines. This popular little two passenger car has been the answer to many French people's needs in the postwar years when gasoline has been at a premium in quantity and price. The new version is a nice dressing up of an older model.

Prices Miss Market

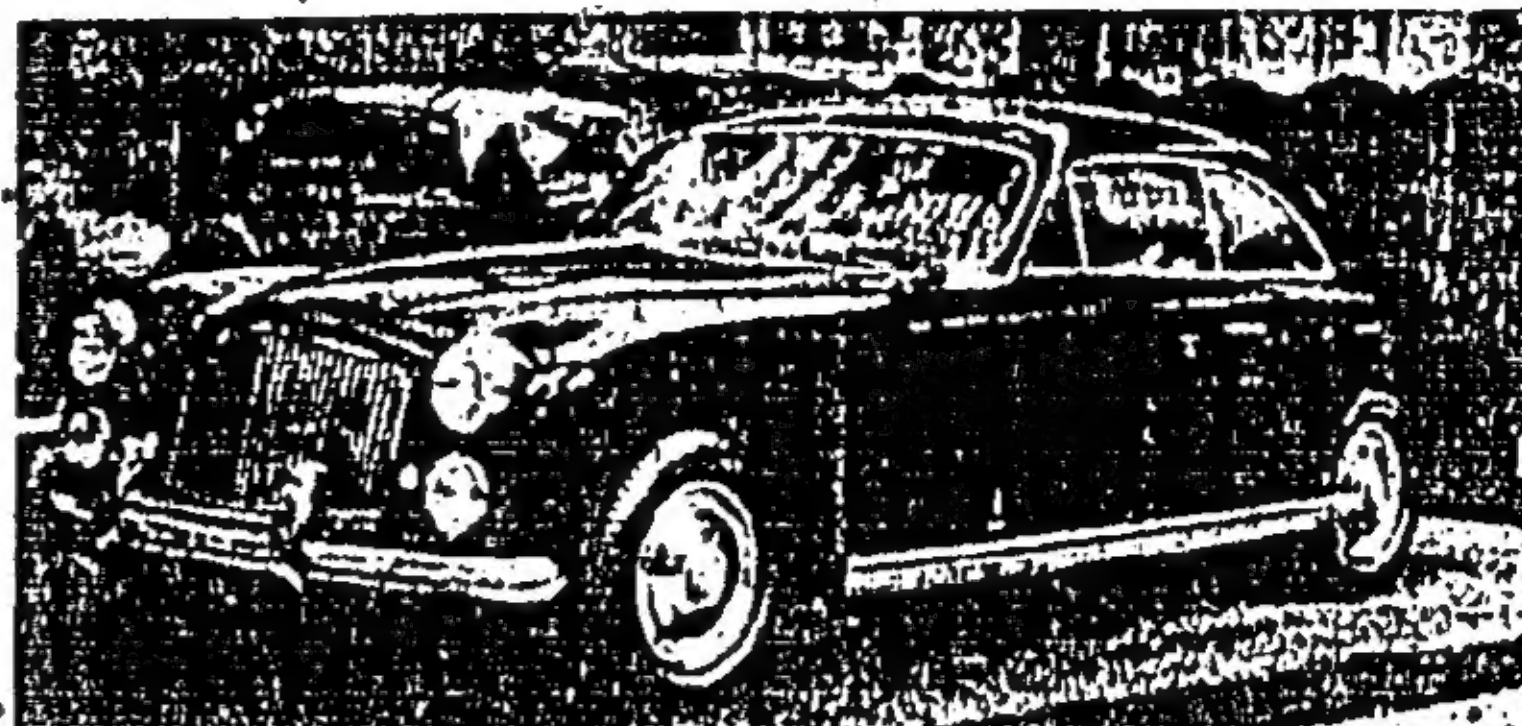
The British have excellent models, particularly those designed to catch the dollar export market. But their prices, like those of the Italian and larger French cars are too high from the general American point of view.

Inability of European national groups to concentrate on fewer makes so as to get better mass production is the chief difficulty. Where the United States has about 15 makes, the British, with one third the population, have 35.

The Italians are conceded to have about the best all-around engineering and body work combined. Some of their models have become so low that they are bizarre. But they are an effective proof of how to build low cars.

One of the lowest gains its effects with a goodly amount of interior room and with little indication that any compromise was effected to gain the result.

BENTLEY BEAUTIFUL



Outstanding coachwork exhibit at the Paris Auto Salon was the Bentley Mark VI two-door coupe by Pinin Farina (black, with blue interior) shown on the Bentley stand.

MARATHON POSTPONED

To greet the King if he had visited Australia next year, an 8,000-mile Marathon of motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists across the Australian continent was proposed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, by the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., of Australia, who organised a similar event in 1912.

Ninety-six motorists in 43 cars, 150 motorcyclists, and 940 cyclists would have taken part in a relay contest, setting out for Canberra from Darwin in the North, Perth in the West and Cairns in the North East.

Each of the three divisions would have carried a scroll for mayoral greetings from all cities and towns on the way. The couriers would have been handicapped according to their average speed capabilities and the

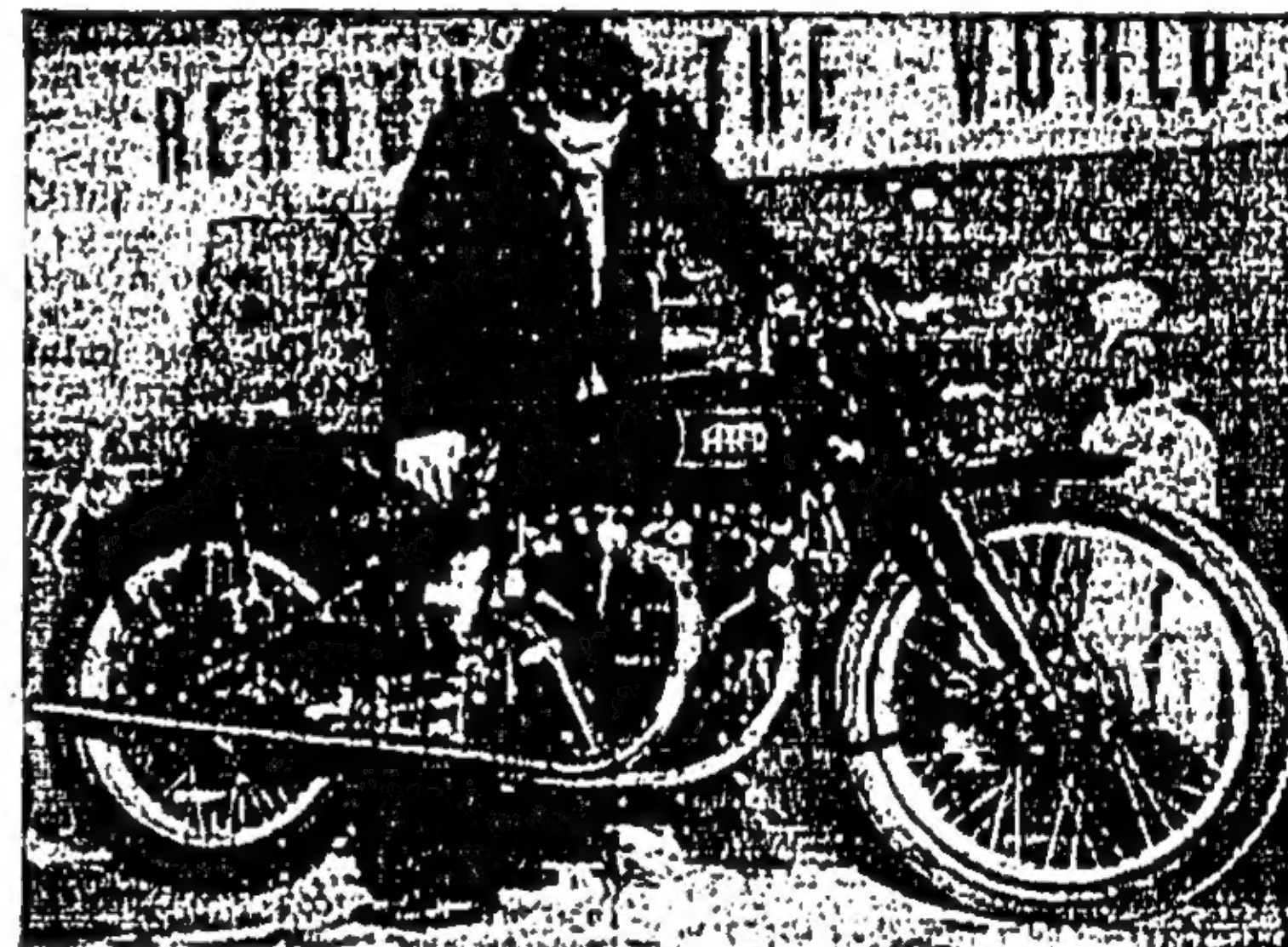
CARS FOR THE DISABLED

The first four of the first order for 1,000 Ford Anglia 8 h.p. cars specially adapted to the needs of disabled ex-servicemen and ordered for the Ministry of Pensions, left the Ford Works, Dagenham, recently.

The cars have special seating arrangements so that the front seats can be slid right back to enable entry and exit where the drivers have artificial limbs. A large number of the cars will be fitted with special clutch, accelerator and brake controls placed beneath the steering wheel.

highway conditions of the routes in 1912 the cyclists were 6 hrs 18 mins. ahead of the motorcyclists and the first car arrived 54 mins. later.

At The Bicycle Show



Most expensive motor cycle at the 24th Bicycle and Motor Cycle Show in London recently was the 1,000 cc Black Lightning Racing Rapid shown above, an H.R.D. product.

Among developments noticed at the recent International Bicycle and Motor Cycle Show in London, was a new system of constructing bicycle frames by joining the tubes electrically without lugs. This means that the lug, which normally contains the end of the tube and supports the whole, can be dispensed with altogether.

The innovation certainly makes for neatness in the appearance of the bicycle and saves both steel and time in manufacture. Only one operation is needed instead of five (as in the cast-lug system) and this operation takes four-and-a-half minutes compared with 25. The width of the tubes can also be reduced. Two pounds of steel can be saved on each bicycle—and this means two pounds less to push.

Light alloys are used so extensively in the new models that the only parts still exclusively of steel are spokes and ball-bearings. Weights have tumbled down. A combination of all the lightest fittings seen at the show would produce a sound bicycle weighing only some 13 1/2 pounds. Even the standard machine is appreciably lighter than it used to be owing to the more extensive use of light alloys.

Britain's new bicycles are brighter in colour than they used to be. Many more parts, too, are plated. Brakes are stronger and larger. "Factor" Dynamos sell for a much higher output.

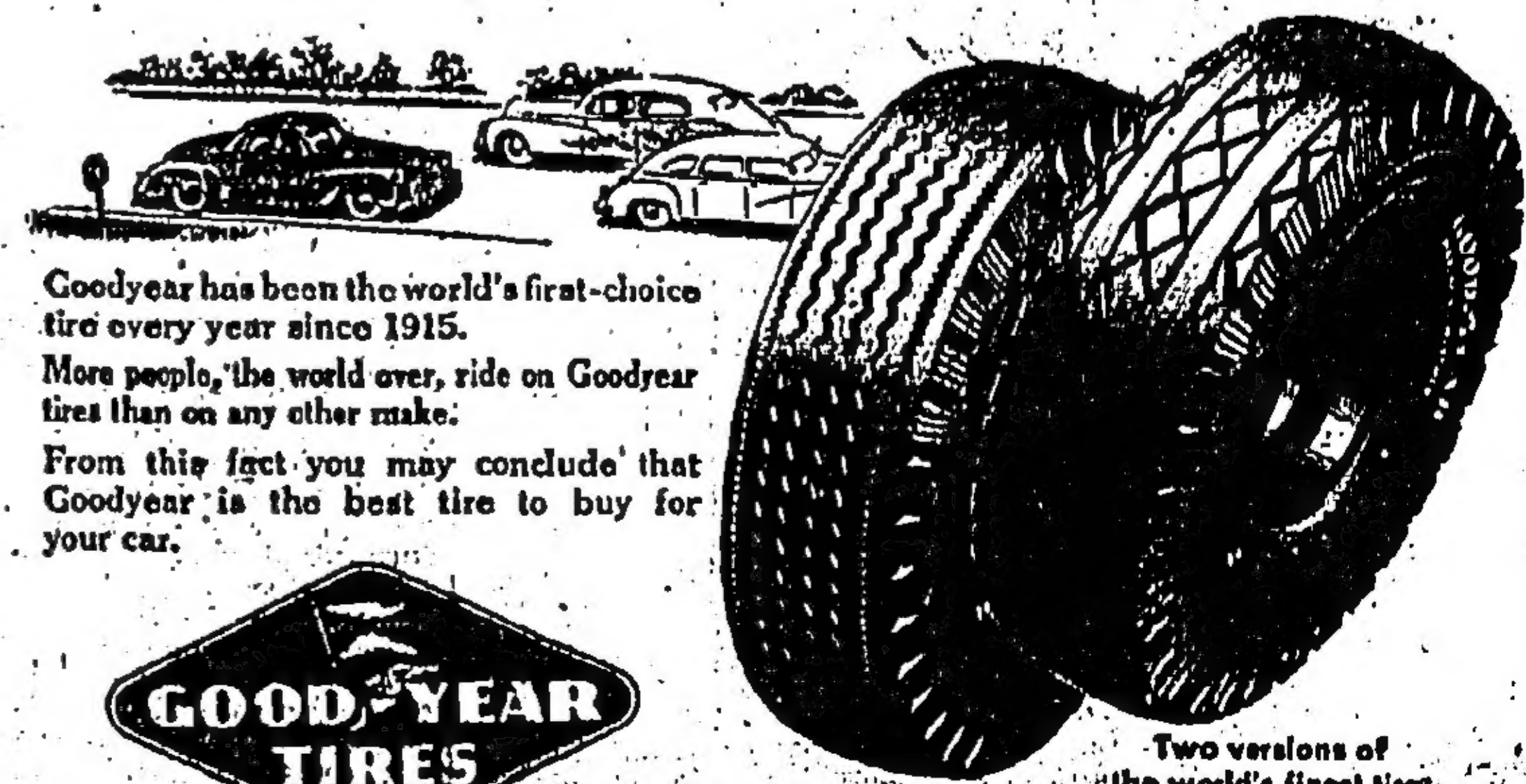
Export demands have resulted in the production of many different types of cycle with specific features. The Raleigh group, for example, have to make over 500 different types, 90 kinds of frames, and 1,500 to 2,000 different components.

The comfort of the rider has been given more attention by makers of both bicycles and motor-cycles. Lightweight motor-cycles of 88 cubic centimetres capacity and one-horse power are as simple to ride as a bicycle. Beside a variety of medium

sized popular machines, there are also 1,600 c.c. designs, one of which is said to be "the world's fastest standard motor-cycle." Some sidecars are exceptionally roomy; one can take an adult and three children, and another (for commercial use) is as big as a small van.

In 1938 manufacturers in Britain produced 1,500,000 bicycles, of which about 500,000 went overseas. Now Britain is making 2,750,000 bicycles a year of which 1,750,000 are exported. The cycle and motor-cycle industries of Britain are now holding first place in world production, compared with second place in 1938.

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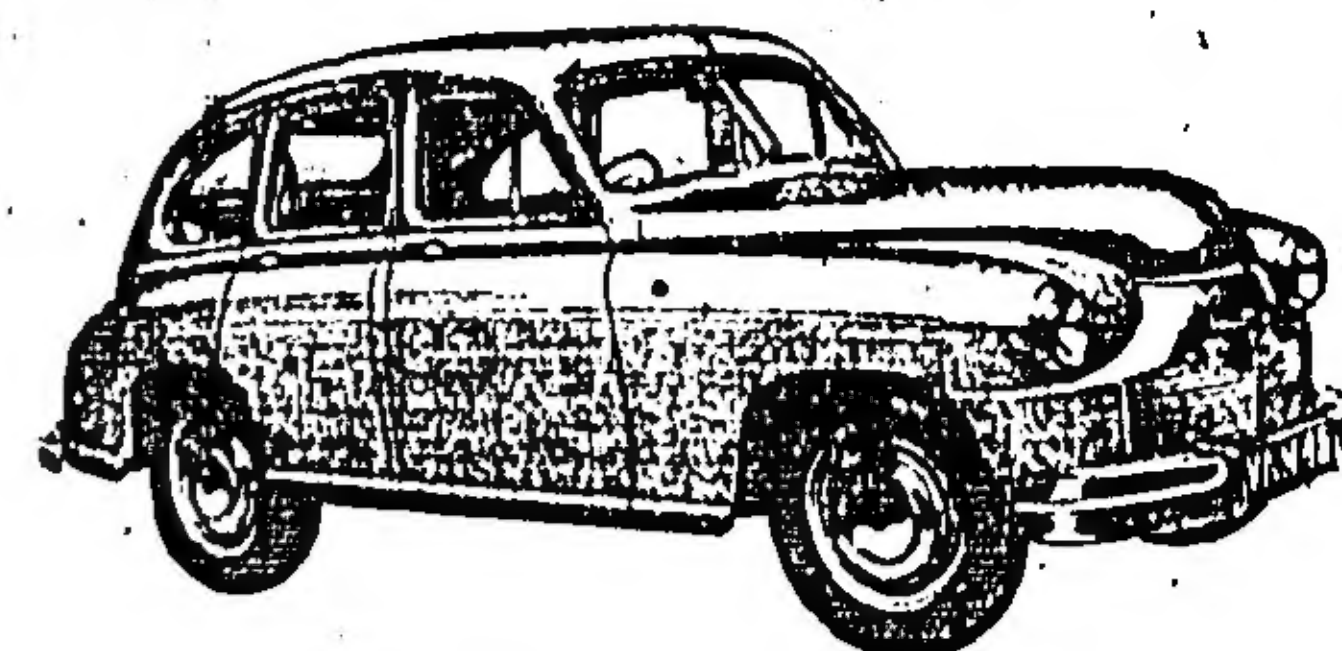
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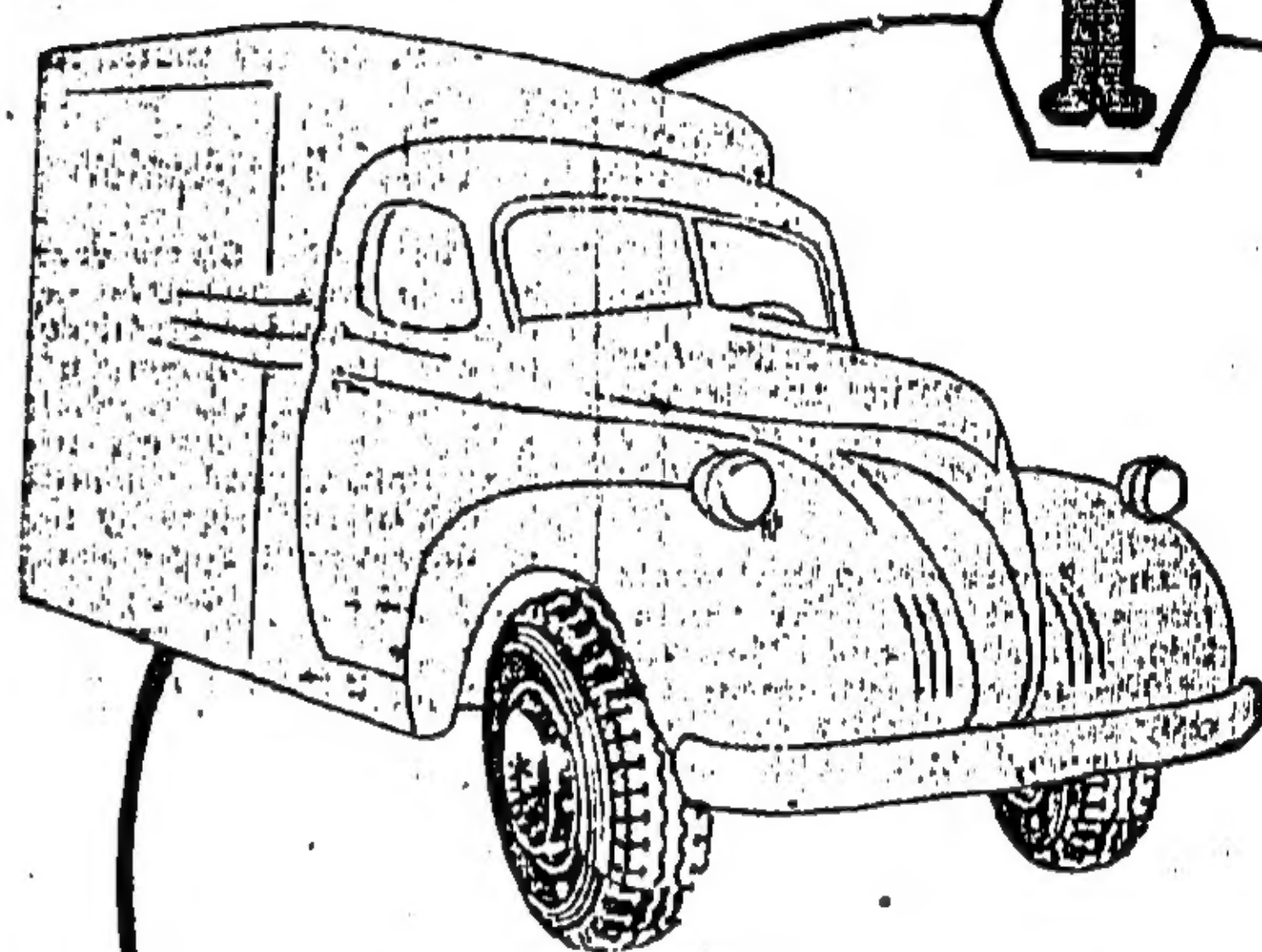
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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 31st Dec.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 2nd Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	8th Jan.

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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 29th Dec.
"HANYANG"	Swatow	8 a.m. 30th Dec.
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"GLENROY"	Liverpool via Port Said	29th Dec.
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Secret Papers Were Taken "By A Thief"

Washington, December 24.

Francise B. Sayre said today that he is convinced that a thief took three highly confidential documents from his office when he was Assistant Secretary of State 10 years ago.

Mr. Sayre, former High Commissioner to the Philippines and now an American representative to the United Nations, talked to reporters after testifying three hours to the House Un-American Activities Committee behind closed doors.

Anna Belle Newcomb, his secretary, also testified.

The Acting Committee Chairman, Karl Mundt, said there was no conflict between her testimony and that given by Mr. Sayre. He did not disclose what either told the Committee.

Mr. Sayre said his secretary probably were the last two witnesses to be heard by the Committee this year in its investigation of Communist espionage. Mundt said a formal report on the entire case is expected next week.

Mr. Sayre told reporters he examined three documents in the Committee's possession, assured himself they are genuine, and said he is certain they were stolen from his office.

The Committee obtained the papers from Whittaker Chambers, acknowledged former Communist courier. Chambers said they were among a group of papers obtained by a Communist spy ring operating here in 1937 and 1938.

Far East War

Mr. Sayre would not say that the papers were stolen by anyone in his office. He did say that only four persons had access to those particular documents—himself, Miss Newcomb and Miss Eunice Lincoln, his secretaries and Alger Hiss.

Hiss was then Mr. Sayre's aide. He since has been indicted by a New York Grand Jury on charges that he lied when he denied he gave confidential information to Chambers.

The Committee already has questioned Hiss and Miss Lincoln. Two of the documents Mr. Sayre identified dealt with the Sino-Japanese war. The third, a telegram, has not been made public. All bore the stamp of Mr. Sayre's office, he said.—Associated Press.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John Barrow has been appointed District Commissioner, New Territories, with effect from the coming into force of the New Territories (Administration) Ordinance of 1948.

Mr. Albert James Robert Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, resumed duty on December 18.

Dr. John Beveridge Mackie, Government malariologist, resumed duty on December 11.

The name of T. E. Griffith (1932), Limited, has been struck off the Companies Register.

Women Stripped By Czech Officials

Washington, December 23.

The United States Embassy in Prague has protested to Czechoslovakia over the stripping of three Embassy employees—two of them women—during a customs search earlier this month.

The State Department announces that a building supervisor at the Embassy and his wife, who were returning to the United States, were stopped, searched and stripped at the German frontier town of Eger on December 6. An Embassy clerk was similarly stripped and searched two days later at Prague Airport when she left for a new post. Nothing was found, or taken away by the large groups of customs officials and secret police officers who conducted the searches.

None of the three carried diplomatic passports.—Reuter.

Ambitious Plans For Modernising Bombay Aerodrome

Bombay, December 23.

An ambitious £2,500,000 programme aimed at modernising Bombay's airport has been tentatively drawn up by Civil Aviation Directorate officials and major airline operators.

This is part of the ten-year £7,500,000 aeronautical development plan already announced by the Indian Government in the early part of the year.

The airline companies represented at the discussions were: Trans-World Airlines, British Overseas Airways Corporation and Air India International.

The plan will include, among its many features, the remodeling of the existing three runways of Bombay's airport and construction of a five-story terminal to augment present accommodation available to house civil aviation, customs, health and airline offices.

The construction of a terminal building alone is expected to cost nearly £557,500. This estimate, however, does not include any expenses that may be incurred for interior decoration. As to interior decoration, different views have been expressed by government officials and airline operators.

While the former were reported opposed to anything elaborate, airline operators took the view that since Bombay airport would be the first foreigner visiting India would get, both the structure and the decoration of the building should be worthy of the country.

If it eventually should be decided to fall in line with the suggestion of the airline representatives, the plan would entail an additional cost of £275,000.

A probable casualty as a result of this plan would be the Bombay Flying Club, presently located in Juhu, a suburb of Bombay. Flying Club authorities have been told to quit and make their own arrangements. And indications are the authorities are planning to survey sites in Kal-yah, 25 miles from here.—United Press.

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"TASMAN" from Macassar & Javaport, 8th January.	to Javaport & Macassar, 21st January.
"TJIBADAK" In port	to Javaport & Macassar 3rd February.

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Washington, December 24

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The Bank of America, San Francisco, has handled almost all the rest.

Only scattered sums have been assigned to other institutions in San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia.

Banks are authorized by ECA to make payments to American corporations for recovery goods sold to European countries and China. The banks later are reimbursed by ECA; the purchasing country pays a fee for the banking service.

Banks in a number of other parts of the U.S. have protested the proposed share going to New York, ECA officials said. It is ECA's policy, however, to let the purchasing country pick the bank, and this usually results in the choice of an institution with which the country has had dealings in the past.

The Chase National Bank, New York, has handled \$108,824,104 of a total of \$697,609,410 in such "letters of commitment," or authorizations, so far issued by ECA.

NY Banks

Other New York banks have shared to the following extent: J. P. Morgan and Company, \$87,701,000; Bankers Trust Company, \$98,318,700; French-American Bank Corporation, \$74,100,371; Manufacturers Trust Company, \$90,041,430; Irving Trust Company, \$54,540,579; National City Bank, \$54,386,919; Bank of Manhattan, \$33,303,101; Guaranty Trust Company, \$24,040,422; Brown Brothers, Harriman, \$21,826,096; Central Hanover Bank, \$17,421,039; Chemical Bank and

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$297.75 a mel and closed at HK\$297.75. Highest and lowest rates were HK\$297.75 and HK\$297.25. US dollars recovered to HK\$55.03.

Gold Yuan, in a weakening market, closed yesterday at 0.52 cents for spot Hong Kong, 0.52 cents for Canton remittance, and 0.52 cents for Shanghai remittance.

Plastics opened at HK\$7.60 a 100 closed at \$7.57. Highest and lowest rates were \$7.60 and \$7.55.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$25.10. 100 and closed at \$26. Sterling was higher at HK\$15.10, while Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.50.

GOLD REPORT

Manila, December 24. Taysan Gold Mining Company reported its production through November 30 amounted to 5,753 tons of ore milled valued at \$128,304.75.

The company was incorporated August 21 to take over assets of the Anti-Polo Mining Co.

Month	Production (tons)	Value (\$)
August	839	\$12,480.00
September	1,433	\$20,971.75
October	1,693	\$25,510.50
November	1,828	\$26,442.50

—Associated Press.

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London Stock Exchange

London, December 23.

Outside New York, these institutions were listed: Bank of America, San Francisco, \$44,037,292; First National Bank of Boston, \$1,595,500; Bank of California San Francisco, \$1,500,000; Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, \$109,430; Continental Illinois National Bank, Chicago, \$28,150; National Bank of Detroit, \$624.

The sums represent purchases by Austria, China, France, Netherlands, Bi-zune Germany, French zone of Germany, Denmark, Greece, Italy, and Norway. Other Marshall Plan countries make direct payment to the suppliers of good and receive direct reimbursement from ECA.—Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, spot fine ounce 42 1/2; Forward 42 1/2; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price 70 cts; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 170, Annas 00; Forward no trading; Marwar (unofficial) closed, Gold, delivered, per tola 112.00; Forward (unofficial) no trading; Gohi, Sovereign 73.00. (One tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce).

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, baht-weight of 152.44 grammes, unquoted. Exchange Rate (Selling) Bangkok on New York T.T. 19.00; London 62.00; Hong Kong 3.80.

Paris: Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 5,825 Frs; French 10 franc coins 2,720; Swiss franc 5,725; Union Latine 5,400; Sovereign 7,200; Half Sovereign 3,400; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 28,400; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 13,950; Sovereign (in free US \$ per ounce) \$90.4; Napoleon (in free US \$ per ounce) \$93.0; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 503.

Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244 Frs; Without counterpart 705/835; Silver ingots, per kilo 6,000b, 7,400b; Platinum ingots, per kilo 600,000b, 855,000b.—Reuter.

NY RUBBER

New York, December 24. Crude rubber standard futures closed quiet with no sales. Crude rubber No. 1 closed five lower to one higher with sales of 35 contracts.

March 18.85 bid. May 18.80. July 18.45 bid. Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 19 nominal.—Associated Press.

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